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Testimony of Senator Anne Carney introducing
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Representative Kuhn and esteemed colleagues of the Committee on Judiciary, I am Senator Anne Carney, proudly representing Senate District 29, which includes South Portland, Cape Elizabeth and part of Scarborough. It is a pleasure to be with you today to introduce LD 458, "An Act to Improve Court Procedure and Update Family Law."

LD 458 is a concept draft that is being used to meet the Committee's interest in considering statutory changes related to Maine's Protection from Abuse Act. These particular changes were included in, but not essential to, accomplishing the policy change set forth in Senator Bailey's legislation LD 950, "An Act to Prevent Domestic and Sexual Abuse of Children and Increase Access to Protection from Abuse Orders by Allowing Children to File Protection from Abuse Orders on Their Own Behalf."

At our work session on LD 950, the Committee decided to move forward with the policy change proposed by Senator Bailey and to take up the issues now presented in LD 458 separately, so that we could hold a public hearing and fully discuss them. The committee amendment changes the title of the concept draft to "An Act Regarding the Domestic Violence Advocate Privilege."

I thank the Judiciary Committee for your thoughtful work, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to introduce this bill.



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