

Testimony for LD 1132

“An Act to Further Protect Low Impact Landscaping”

Opposed to LD 1132

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn and Members of the Committee on Judiciary my name is Jesse O'Brien and I am from Portland. I am the spokesperson for Ornamental Horticulture Council, a State wide organization of landscapers, greenhouses, nurseries, arborists, golf superintendents, lawn care operators and Christmas Tree Growers. We are opposed to LD 1132. Many industry members hold commercial and master level pesticide licenses from Maine BPC, certifications from the DEP on erosion control practices, certifications form environmental and industry organizations such as Lake Smart Landscaping, International Arboriculture, Audubon Certified Golf Courses and Sustainable Landscape among others. We grow, sell, install native plants and promote low or KNOW maintenance landscapes. When communicated to us we respect our clients wishes of the landscape maintenance of their properties.

Our concerns of LD 1132 are these:

- The absence of language of the BPC pesticide registry
- Definition of 'owner regularly tends'. Once a year, once a month?
- How to contact the owner for 'expressed permission'? Exempt Invasives?
- Where is the 50' buffer. Starts at the foundation, planting bed, patio, deck?

We somewhat understand the intent of LD 1132. We feel at the least pesticide portion should be reviewed and administrated by the BPC.

Thank you for your consideration and I will be happy to answer any questions.

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