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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF:

LD 657, "An Act to Modify the Law Governing Municipal General Assistance by Designating Broadband Internet Access Service and Wireless Access Point Technology as Basic Necessities"

THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Good morning, Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer and distinguished members of the Health and Human Services. I am Representative Abden Simmons representing the towns of Bremen, Waldoboro, Friendship, Louds Island Township, and Washington. I am here today to introduce my bill LD 657, "An Act to Modify the Law Governing Municipal General Assistance by Designating Broadband Internet Access Service and Wireless Access Point Technology as Basic Necessities."

I submitted this bill on behalf of a constituent. This bill addresses an issue of people being able to have help with internet services who are unable to get to doctor's appointments. By adding internet services to the General Assistance Program, this would help them to not miss important doctor's appointments. In areas of the state with aging communities like mine, this is desperately needed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abden Simmons'.

Abden Simmons
State Representative