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Testimony of Representative Suzanne Salisbury presenting
**LD 1052, Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution
of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer**
Before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Senator Baldacci, and esteemed colleagues on the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, I am Sue Salisbury and I represent House District 128, which includes part of Westbrook. I am here today to present **LD 1052, Resolve, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Establish the State Auditor as a Constitutional Officer.**

Today, this committee will be hearing or has already heard five bills related to the State Auditor position. Some of these are perennial bills heard every session and, as you will hear, the topic of how these roles are chosen is, at times, contentious. The Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer and State Auditor are critical to the smooth operations of the Legislature and the entire state of Maine.

This bill proposes amending Maine's Constitution by adding the State Auditor's role as a constitutional officer. The auditor would be chosen quadrennially by a joint ballot of the senators and representatives in the convention.

I have submitted this bill on behalf of Maine's State Auditor, Matt Dunlap, and would refer any questions to him.

Thank you for your consideration.