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Testimony of Senator Tim Nangle introducing

LD 1418, "An Act to Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care, Including Fertility Treatments and Contraceptives"

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Senator Ingwersen, Representative Meyer, and distinguished colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services, as you know, my name is Tim Nangle, and I proudly represent Senate District 26, which includes Casco, Frye Island, Raymond, Windham, and part of Westbrook. Thank you for the opportunity to present LD 1418, "An Act to Protect Access to Reproductive Health Care, Including Fertility Treatments and Contraceptives."

As I began working on this bill, it became clear that the current language was not quite ready for prime time. I am working with stakeholders and experts, and we're confident that with more time and continued collaboration, we can bring forward a stronger version that better reflects the goals we're trying to achieve.

At the same time, I am mindful that the national legal landscape for reproductive health care is changing quickly. With several major court decisions expected in the coming months — and with executive and administrative actions shifting at a rapid pace — it makes sense to take the time to ensure that our policy response is durable and well-informed.

For those reasons, I respectfully ask the Committee to carry over LD 1418 to the next legislative session. I believe that this would give us the appropriate time to ensure that any legislation we adopt has a meaningful impact on protecting access to reproductive care.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tim Nangle

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