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Senator Tepler, Representative Doudera, and esteemed members of the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, I stand on the other side of the horseshoe today to present LD 1564, *"An Act to Delay Implementation of Recent Changes to Maines Beverage Container Redemption Law"*

This bill aims to push back the effective dates delaying the implementation of recent changes to the state's beverage container redemption law, also known as the bottle bill. In speaking with some of the stakeholders over the summer I learned there were possible speed bumps in the implementation process.

Why a delay? Simply to give the stakeholders, primarily the commingling groups, more time to adjust and implement changes. As the stakeholders testify, we as a committee will learn if more time is needed or not. This bill is solely in the event more time is needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. Soboleski".

Michael A. Soboleski
State Representative