

**MAINE COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM
UNIVERSITY OF MAINE SYSTEM**

**MEMORANDUM TO
JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY**

TO: The Honorable Anne Carney, Senate Chair; The Honorable Amy Kuhn, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary

FROM: William Fletcher, General Counsel, Maine Community College System on behalf of
the Maine Community College System and the University of Maine System

RE: L.D. 1224, *An Act to Comprehensively Protect Consumer Privacy*
L.D. 1088, *An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act*

DATE: May 5, 2025

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary, please accept this memorandum on behalf of the Maine Community College System (“MCCS”) and the University of Maine System (“UMS”) regarding L.D. 1224, *An Act to Comprehensively Protect Consumer Privacy* and L.D. 1088, *An Act to Enact the Maine Consumer Privacy Act*.

As public postsecondary education institutions, we appreciate the intent of this bill and recognize the importance of data privacy. MCCS and UMS already maintain data privacy and safeguarding of personal data, consistent with a robust set of existing federal laws and regulations, and we are committed to doing all that we can to protect the privacy of the data of the students we serve, our faculty, and staff. However, we believe adding another regulatory framework over the existing layers of federal law and regulation will complicate and undermine our ability to serve our students.

Therefore, we respectfully request that this Committee expressly exempt Maine’s public postsecondary institutions from the applicability of LD 1224 and LD 1088, just as many other states with data privacy laws have provided exemptions to their institutions of higher education, and as provided for in LD 1822.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Becky Smith, Director of Government and Community Relations for the Maine Community College System at bsmith@maineccc.edu or (207) 629-4015.