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Testifying Neither For Nor Against*

LD 1934, An Act to Promote Responsible Outdoor Lighting

Sponsored by Rep. Laurie Osher
Before the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government; I am Anya Trundy, a Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, and I am providing testimony Neither for Nor Against LD 1934 as it applies to the State of Maine as an entity.

The Bureau of General Services is generally supportive of the measures provided in the bill, as they are in line with current ANSI standards followed by the Bureau of General Services, Property Management Division in all State projects; that being said, the Bureau would offer the Committee recommendations for rulemaking and exemptions for your consideration.

Specific standards may need to be adopted to ensure safety and security at certain State facilities with unique lighting needs; this includes psychiatric centers, correctional facilities, and other facilities or locations requiring elevated levels of security, such as military facilities, State Parks, Maine Forest Service facilities, as well as security camera locations. The Bureau would also recommend incorporating a more general exemption related to the lighting of flagpoles. The illumination of flagpoles is exceedingly difficult to achieve without some form of light pollution. Extending a rulemaking exception to BGS under Section 3 of the bill, like the exception provided for DPS rulemaking, would ensure the Bureau can address any facility needs outside the standards set forth in the bill.

Finally, as the Bureau has identified previously in past legislatures, temporary lighting may be needed at times, particularly during construction and renovations. Rulemaking authority related to temporary lighting for the completion of road construction and repair is afforded to the Department of Transportation. Extending this authority to BGS as it pertains to facility construction and maintenance would address this potential issue.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify, I would be happy to answer any questions.