

LD 1840 Testimony

Senator Hickman, Representative Supica, and members of the committee,

My name is Leo Paquette, I am writing to express my support for LD 1840.

As a stakeholder in Maine's cannabis industry, I have seen firsthand how the lack of clarity in existing statutes creates unnecessary confusion for both operators and regulators. LD 1840 takes an important step toward resolving that confusion by refining the language that defines authorized conduct. This will provide clear guidance for compliant businesses and help ensure consistent application of the law statewide.

Just as importantly, LD 1840 also addresses the serious concern of data privacy. Cannabis businesses operate under heightened security risks due to the nature of our work, the value of our products, and banking restrictions that force a lot of operators to keep cash on hand for business expenses. Making sensitive personal or operational information public not only violates our reasonable expectation of privacy—it puts our safety and livelihoods at risk. By shielding such information from public disclosure, this bill will protect business owners, employees, and our families from unnecessary exposure and potential harm.

This bill is a practical measure that promotes regulatory clarity and public safety while helping Maine's cannabis sector continue to grow responsibly. I urge the committee to support LD 1840 and move it forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Leo Paquette