

Good Day Ladies and Gentlemen of the Veterans and Legal Affairs Committee.

My name is Amy McFarland.

I run Independence Farm with my husband.

Today I am testifying in favor of LD# 1672.

(An Act to Allow Participation in the Adult Use Cannabis Tracking System to Be Voluntary)

This bill allows licensees to voluntarily use the tracking system, which I am in strong agreement with.

Under Sec. 14. of this bill, the Office of Cannabis Policy may not renew, extend, negotiate or enter into any contract or other agreement with a 3rd-party entity for the administration of, or otherwise relating to, the tracking system for adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products required pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes. The office shall take all reasonable steps to cancel or terminate any such existing contracts or agreements with 3rd-party entities, subject to the terms, conditions and other limitations of those contracts or agreements. By June 30, 2026, the Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall transfer to the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, Bureau of Veterans' Services, Maine Veterans' Homes Stabilization Fund all funds in its possession allocated or otherwise dedicated to the administration of, or otherwise relating to, the tracking system for adult use cannabis and adult use cannabis products required under Title 28-B, section 105.

I think this is a much better use of those funds than paying a 3rd-party entity for inventory tracking software.

With that said, I ask you all to vote "Yes" on LD#1672.