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Testimony of Senator Tim Nangle introducing
**LD 1869, "An Act to Lower Property Taxes by Allowing a Local Option Sales Tax
on Recreational Cannabis Sales"**
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Senator Grohoski, Representative Cloutier, and Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, my name is Tim Nangle, and I have the honor of representing the communities of Casco, Frye Island, Raymond, Windham, and part of Westbrook in the Maine Senate. Today, I'm introducing LD 1869, "An Act to Lower Property Taxes by Allowing a Local Option Sales Tax on Recreational Cannabis Sales."

Before serving in the Legislature, I was a member of the Windham Town Council, where I gained firsthand experience in managing local budgets and balancing the needs of a growing community. I understand the pressures municipalities face as they strive to fund essential services while keeping property taxes affordable for residents.

LD 1869 aims to provide our cities and towns with an additional, flexible tool to support local priorities. This bill would allow municipalities to adopt a local option sales tax of up to 1% on recreational cannabis sales, but only if approved by a vote of the residents in that community. This is not a mandate or a blanket tax imposed by the state. It is simply an option for those communities that choose to pursue it.

Importantly, any revenue generated through this local option tax must be dedicated to public safety and education, two of the largest and most critical expenses funded by property taxes. By giving voters the choice to adopt this local option tax, we could ease the burden on property taxpayers and help communities invest in the safety and future of their residents without further straining household budgets.

I appreciate the committee's thoughtful consideration of this proposal and welcome your input as we all work to find practical solutions to the challenges facing Maine's towns and cities.

Thank you for your time and for the work you do to support the communities we all serve. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.