



Maine Credit Union League

In Support of LD 2072: An Act to Make Changes to the Laws Governing Financial Institutions and to Eliminate Certain Administrative Fees Paid by Banks and Credit Unions Under the Maine Consumer Credit Code

*Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services
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Good afternoon, Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson, and esteemed members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee. My name is Jared Gay, and I am the Director of Advocacy & Compliance at the Maine Credit Union League. The Maine Credit Union League is the trade association for Maine's 48 credit unions—financial cooperatives that proudly serve more than 750,000 members statewide. We respectfully submit this testimony in support of LD 2072.

This bill makes a series of thoughtful, targeted updates that modernize Maine's financial services laws, reduce unnecessary administrative costs, and align state statutes with how institutions and regulators operate today.

We are also offering a proposed amendment that builds on that same goal of modernization and alignment. Today, Maine law allows state-chartered credit unions to make mortgage loans only when the real estate securing the loan is located in Maine. That geographic limitation no longer reflects how Maine people live and work. Many Mainers own second homes, retire, or relocate across state lines, and they often want to continue working with their Maine-based credit union when they do so.

The amendment we are proposing would simply remove that outdated geographic restriction. State-chartered credit unions would still be subject to all the same safety and soundness standards in current law, as well as examination and oversight by the Bureau of Financial Institutions.

This change is also about parity. Federal credit unions already have the ability to make mortgage loans secured by out-of-state property. Our proposal allows Maine-chartered credit unions to serve their members on equal footing, without expanding risk or weakening regulation.

This amendment allows Maine credit unions to serve Maine people wherever life takes them, using the same responsible lending practices that already apply today.

We appreciate the Bureau's thoughtful work on LD 2072 and look forward to working with the Committee on this amendment as the bill moves to work session.

Thank you for your time and for the opportunity to testify.



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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Amend the bill by inserting after section 12 the following:

Sec. 13. 9-B MRSA §855, sub-§1, as repealed and replaced by PL 1985, c. 94, is amended to read:

1. Limitations. A credit union may make loans to its members secured by a mortgage on real estate located within this State, subject to the following conditions and limitations.