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Testimony of Senator Mark W. Lawrence presenting
LD 2043, An Act to Raise the Ogunquit Sewer District Debt Limit
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Good afternoon, Chair Sachs and esteemed colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology. My name is Mark Lawrence, I serve as the State Senator from District 35, which includes Eliot, Kittery, Ogunquit, South Berwick and York. Thank you for the opportunity to present LD 2043, An Act to Raise the Ogunquit Sewer District Debt Limit.

Last fall, I was approached by representatives from the Maine Rural Water Association and the Ogunquit Sewer District (OSD) about presenting this bill. This bill will help our local sewer district complete needed projects and upgrades to our sewer systems. It will also help protect our water ways and keep Ogunquit sewage in Ogunquit and out of other local town's waterways.

Finally, there's historically been local support for these types of upgrades, and increasing the OSD debt limit would allow these projects to be complete while looking out for the local taxpayers and avoiding expensive cost increases further down the road.

I will let Zach Buechner, Superintendent at the Ogunquit Sewer District, speak more in depth about the specifics and need for this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this bill. I would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.