

*Testimony of Anya Trundy, Deputy Commissioner
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Testifying in Favor

**LD 2093, An Act to Codify and Update a Provision of Private and Special Law
Governing Temporary Disability for State Employees**

Presented by Rep. Suzanne Salisbury

To the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government

Senator Baldacci and members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government, I am Anya Trundy, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Administrative and Financial Services. I am providing testimony in support of LD 2093.

This bill is extremely straightforward. So I'll keep it brief: LD 2093 repeals a provision of the Private and Special Laws from 1989 which governs temporary disability benefits for confidential state employees and enacts that provision in the Maine Revised Statutes. This bill contains no substantive changes to the affected (or rather, unaffected) provisions; it is simply moving them from one place to another. As a note, temporary disability benefits for classified employee are provided through Unions' income protection programs.

The reason for this minor change is simply a matter of accessibility for those confidential employees who may have cause to reference this law. By moving the provision into the Maine Revised Statutes, the information will be searchable and findable. As an experienced user of legislative and statutory research tools; I never think of looking in the Private and Special Laws, and you have to know exactly what you're looking for and where to find it. I tried the other day to access this section of law and could not—the Session Laws available online only go back to 1995. There is no impact to state employees, and the only textual changes are the stylistic and conventional draft changes the Revisor's office makes when updating older sections of law.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, I am happy to answer any questions you may have.