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Testimony of Rep. Matthew Beck introducing
**LD 2049, An Act to Clarify Indemnification
When Seeking Remedy for Labor Law Violations**
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor

Good morning, Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and my distinguished colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee on Labor. My name is Matthew Beck, and I have the privilege of representing the people of House District 122, part of South Portland.

I came here today to introduce my amendment to **LD 2049, An Act to Clarify Indemnification When Seeking Remedy for Labor Law Violations**. I am now going to urge you to vote it out ought not to pass.

This amended bill was a companion piece as a last resort to the tools the Legislature has previously afforded the Maine Department of Labor, as well as to the amended carryover bill we heard last month: **LD 1587, An Act to Establish Greater Alignment of Penalties for Certain Labor Law Violations**.

The original public hearing for this bill was scheduled for January 20 but I requested a delay in order to meet with the Department of Labor as well as construction industry stakeholders to be sure we gave the bill the time we needed to make any necessary improvements. Despite addressing the concerns raised, it's clear to me, as well as the advocates of this legislation, that a good bill can be made better with additional work. Additional time and information will ensure we get it right while remaining focused on the underlying goal – making sure workers are paid for their labor. I look forward to bringing forth the result of this additional work next legislative session.

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your work.

District 122: South Portland (Part)