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LD 2058, "An Act to Require Municipal and County Jails Be Available at All Times for Detention Persons Arrested on Criminal Charges by Maine Law Enforcement Officers."
Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety

Public Hearing
March 4, 2026 @ 1pm

Senator Beebe-Center, Representative Hasenfus and Esteemed members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:

I am Senator Scott Cyrway; and I represent the communities of Albion, Fairfield, Oakland, Waterville, and Winslow, which together make up District 16. I am here today in strong opposition to LD 2058, "An Act to Require Municipal and County Jails to Be Available at All Times for Detention Persons Arrested on Criminal Charges by Maine Law Enforcement Officers."

While I had a testimony prepared with many concerns with the bill, I now hear there is an amendment that makes many substantive changes to the original bill.

However, I have not seen this amendment. How can anyone testify for or against this bill when we do not even have the language we are discussing before us? Since this sponsor's amendment has not been published and makes many changes, I am forced to reserve my comments regarding the pending language for work session.

If conversations are still being had among the stakeholders, including federal agencies, I would recommend we vote ought not to pass, which would allow the stakeholders to meet and bring forth a better prepared bill in the next Legislature.

Thank you for your time, I am happy to take any questions.