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Testimony of Senator Chip Curry introducing
**LD 2225, "An Act to Support Municipal Enforcement of Residential Construction
Laws, Codes and Regulations"**

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Representative Gere and distinguished colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee on Housing and Economic Development, my name is Chip Curry. I represent Senate District 11, which includes all 26 rural, coastal, and island communities of Waldo County. Thank you for the opportunity to introduce LD 2225, "An Act to Support Municipal Enforcement of Residential Construction Laws, Codes and Regulations."

This bill also stems from the working group process established by LD 1375 in the first session of the 132nd Legislature, along with related recommendations from the Housing Production Innovation Working Group created under LD 1453. Together, those efforts examined barriers within Maine's building code and regulatory systems that may affect the cost and pace of housing construction. LD 2225 represents another set of recommendations from that work, focused specifically on municipal code enforcement and the administration of building codes at the local level.

Among other things, the bill adds an off-site construction standard to the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code, establishes clearer timelines for when building code updates take effect, expands training requirements for code enforcement officers — including training related to industrialized housing — and creates a three-year pilot program to explore regional approaches to municipal code enforcement.

Like the previous bill, LD 2225 reflects the goal of making sure our building code system works effectively in practice. While LD 2224 focused on specific code provisions, this bill looks more directly at how those codes are implemented at the local level. In particular, it includes steps to strengthen training and support for municipal code enforcement officers and explores regional approaches that could help communities share expertise and resources.

I'm supportive of moving this bill forward because effective and consistent code enforcement is an important part of ensuring that our building codes function as intended while also supporting the production of new housing across Maine. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chip Curry
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Representing the twenty-six rural, coastal, and island communities of Waldo County