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*Testimony of State Representative Dan Sayre Presenting*  
**LD 2222, An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for**  
**Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2026-27**  
*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation*

Senator Grohoski, friends and colleagues on the Joint Standing Committee on Taxation, I am Dan Sayre, and I represent House District 135, the greater part of the town of Kennebunk. I present for your consideration **LD 2222, An Act to Establish Municipal Cost Components for Unorganized Territory Services to Be Rendered in Fiscal Year 2026-27**. I submit this bill on behalf of the administrator of the unorganized territory pursuant to the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 36, section 1604.

This bill establishes municipal cost components for state and county services provided to the unorganized territory that would normally be paid for by a municipality. The municipal cost components constitute the property tax for the unorganized territory. The bill also provides for a one-time prepayment in fiscal year 2025-26 to the unorganized territories of Washington County and requires recovery of the prepayment through the municipal cost component on or before June 30, 2027.

This bill will not affect budgeted General Fund revenue or appropriations. The amounts in the bill for the state costs included in the municipal cost components are based on budgeted expenditures for fiscal year 2026-27. These costs are incorporated into the tax assessment for the unorganized territory, which is collected as dedicated revenue to the Unorganized Territory Education and Services Fund. Transfers are then made to the other dedicated accounts for certain expenditures related to the Unorganized Territory and to the General Fund to reimburse for actual General Fund expenditures that are included in the municipal cost components.

It is my privilege to refer your questions to the experts who will follow me. Thank you for your time and consideration.