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*Testimony of Senator Chip Curry introducing*  
**LD 2230, "An Act to Invest in the Construction of Industrialized Housing"**  
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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 2230, "An Act to Invest in the Construction of Industrialized Housing."

This bill comes before the committee pursuant to Resolve 2025, chapter 105, which we are more familiar with as LD 1453 from the first session of the 132nd Legislature, titled "Resolve, to Establish the Housing Production Innovation Working Group." That legislation established the Housing Production Innovation Working Group to study ways innovative housing construction technologies could help reduce housing production costs and accelerate the pace of housing development in Maine.

As required by that resolution, the working group submitted its findings and recommendations to this committee late last year. LD 2230 was reported out by the committee in order to place several of those recommendations into bill form so that the Legislature may hold a public hearing and consider them through the normal legislative process.

Among other things, the bill proposes creating an Industrialized Housing Incentive Program to support manufacturers producing housing units in Maine, establishing a public-private construction extension partnership program to provide technical support and workforce training related to innovative housing construction, and creating a pilot program to encourage efficient construction of multifamily housing projects.

I'm supportive of moving this bill forward because Maine needs to be exploring every responsible way to increase the supply of housing. Innovative construction approaches, such as modular and other forms of industrialized housing, have the potential to reduce costs and shorten construction timelines.

The bill also encourages stronger public-private partnerships to connect manufacturers, builders, educators, and workforce programs, so Maine can build the skills and capacity needed to support this kind of innovation.

Together, these ideas are intended to help Maine test and support new approaches to housing construction while continuing to build the workforce and industry capacity needed to meet our housing needs.