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NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST L.D. 2231**

“AN ACT TO SUPPORT OWNERS OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING, MOBILE HOMES AND TINY HOMES”

**BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and Members of the Committee, I am Penny Vaillancourt, Director of the Office of Professional and Occupational Regulation (“OPOR”). OPOR has 38 licensing boards and programs including, for now, the Manufactured Housing Board (“MHB”). Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of OPOR regarding LD 2231.

OPOR takes no position on most of LD 2231. However, Section 5 of the bill would expand the jurisdiction and role of the MHB into landlord-tenant matters. It is our understanding that there is agreement to eliminate the reference to MHB in Section 5. However, if MHB were to remain at OPOR and if that language were to remain in this bill, we would oppose the expansion of the role of a regulatory board into an advocacy role. Additionally, we would be concerned that if a state agency filed a petition for legal action outside of their jurisdiction it may invite litigation.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our testimony and I would be happy to answer any questions now or at the work session.