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Testimony of Representative Holly Eaton introducing

LD 2234, An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Vinalhaven Water District

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology

Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs and members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, my name is Holly Eaton, and I represent House District 15, which includes the working waterfronts and island communities of Deer Isle, Stonington, Brooklin, Tremont, Southwest Harbor, Frenchboro, Swan's Island, Isle au Haut and Vinalhaven. I am pleased to be before you today to introduce LD 2234, An Act to Increase the Debt Limit of the Vinalhaven Water District.

This legislation increases the borrowing authority of the Vinalhaven Water District from \$1.5 million to \$4 million. They are seeking this increase so that the district can complete necessary infrastructure improvements, including the installation of a new water main and a mitigation project needed to bring the system into compliance with state standards. These improvements are essential to protecting public health and ensuring reliable water service for the residents of Vinalhaven.

Following my testimony, representatives from the Vinalhaven Water District will testify over zoom and are prepared to answer any technical or project-specific questions the committee may have.

I also want to take a moment and thank the committee for its willingness to hear this bill after the filing deadline. The needs of this water system are immediate, and I appreciate your consideration so that my constituents can receive the support they need in a timely manner.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

District 15: Brooklin, Deer Isle, Eagle Island Township, Frenchboro, Southwest Harbor, Stonington, Swan's Island, Tremont, Isle au Haut, Vinalhaven