

STATE OF MAINE SEX OFFENDER MANAGEMENT AND RISK ASSESSMENT ADVISORY COMMISSION

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Re: LD 536 - An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code (Parts C and E)

Senator Deschambault, Representative Warren and members of the Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:

The Sex Offender Management and Risk Assessment Advisory Commission ("Commission") submits the following testimony regarding LD 536 (Parts C and E only) - An Act to Amend the Maine Criminal Code:

<u>Part C only</u> – The Commission is opposed to Part C, <u>as written</u>, because it does not include sex offenses outside of Chapter 11. In particular, 17-A M.R.S. §282, Sexual exploitation of minor, contained in Chapter 12, is not included in subsection 3-A. The Commission believes sexual exploitation of a minor should be included in subsection 3-A and would support Part C if the following language were added to the end of subsection 3-A: "or 17-A M.R.S. §282."

<u>Part E only</u> – The Commission is in favor of Part E. The factors identified in the current statute do not reflect current research in the field and 17-A M.R.S. §257 should be repealed.

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