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Neither For Nor Against of LD 1515

"An Act to Fund Delivery of Emergency Medical Services"

Presented by House Speaker Representative Talbot Ross of Portland

BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Hearing: Tuesday, May 4, 2023

Senator Beebe Center, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on Criminal Justice and Public Safety:

My name is Sam Hurley, and I am the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services, Maine EMS, within the Department of Public Safety. I am testifying on behalf of Maine Department of Public Safety and Maine EMS neither for nor against LD 1515, "An Act to Fund Delivery of Emergency Medical Services."

Maine EMS continues to work closely with House Speaker Rep. Talbot Ross, Rep. Salisbury, the Governor's Office, and other stakeholders on similar legislation that provides fiscal support to EMS agencies throughout the State of Maine. Our current understanding is that the bill sponsor intends on requesting that this bill be tabled pending work on other pieces of legislation.

I am more than happy to answer any questions that you may have, but please feel free to reach out to me anytime if there is any additional information that we can offer you and/or the Committee. Thank you.

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