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Senator Heather Sanborn, Chair
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Members, Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services
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Re: LD 749, *An Act To Establish a Council on Health Systems Development*

Dear Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler, and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services:

LD 749 affects the Maine Health Data Organization (MHDO) and the Maine Quality Forum (MQF) specifically in Section 9.D. which requires the MHDO and the MQF to forward cost and quality data annually to the council; and any ad hoc data requested by the council. To avoid a fiscal note, we would like the Committee to consider adding the following language to this provision (proposed new language is underlined below):

D. The Maine Health Data Organization and the Maine Quality Forum shall forward available cost and quality data annually and any ad hoc data requested by the council so long as the MHDO can produce the ad hoc data request within their existing resources.

I plan to attend the work session on this bill and look forward to answering any questions that the Committee may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

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