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Testimony of the Maine Osteopathic Association  
Before the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services

In Reference to:

**LD 749, An Act To Establish a Council on Health Systems Development**  
Public Hearing: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 11:00 AM, Cross Building, Room 220

Senator Sanborn, Representative Tepler, and distinguished members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services,

The Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA) is pleased to provide testimony **in support LD 749, An Act To Establish a Council on Health Systems Development**. This testimony was prepared by David Scaccia, DO, MPH, President of the MOA. Dr. Scaccia is board certified in Family Medicine and Preventative and Occupational Medicine. He practices and resides in Kittery, ME.

The Maine Osteopathic Association (MOA) is a professional organization representing approximately 400 osteopathic physicians as well as more than 700 residents and students. Our mission is to “serve the Osteopathic profession of the State of Maine through a coordinated effort of professional education, advocacy and member services in order to ensure the availability of quality osteopathic health care to the people of this State.”

This bill would establish a council on health systems development that consists of representatives of health systems, including representatives from long-term care, mental health, public health, health care quality and insurance companies and organizations, as well as small and large businesses, and consumers, who would discuss and review health data and make recommendations regarding improving the health systems in the State.

We believe the creation of a council on health systems development is a great idea. We would like to offer our input in the process as a stakeholder. We hope to assist in the effort of making meaningful change that improves our health systems in the state.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@mainedo.org](mailto:info@mainedo.org) if you have any questions. Thank you.