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**Testimony of Rep. Margaret Craven introducing  
LD 1197, Resolve, To Require Continued MaineCare Reimbursement to Nursing Facilities for Bed  
Hold Days during Hospitalizations and Therapeutic Leaves of Absence  
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Health and Human Services**

Good afternoon, Senator Claxton, Representative Meyer and fellow members of the Health and Human Services Committee. My name is Margaret Craven, and I represent House District 59, which is part of Lewiston. I am pleased to be in front of you this afternoon to introduce **LD 1197, Resolve, To Require Continued MaineCare Reimbursement to Nursing Facilities for Bed Hold Days during Hospitalizations and Therapeutic Leaves of Absence.**

This resolve is fairly straightforward. It requires the Department of Health and Human Services to continue to provide reimbursement under the MaineCare program to nursing facilities for direct costs on bed holds during hospitalizations and therapeutic leaves of absence. This would be retroactive to October 6, 2020.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I brought this resolve forward as a request, and I believe there are others here today who will follow with a more extensive explanation of the need for this.