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## Rep. Scott Cuddy's Testimony in Favor of LD 1168

### An Act To License Operators of Personnel Hoists

Senator Curry Representative Roberts and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business my name is Scott Cuddy and I live in Winterport. I represent House District 98 which is comprised of Frankfort, Searsport, Swanville, and Winterport. I'm here before you today to speak in favor of LD 1168.

At it's heart this bill is about the safety of the workers on a jobsite. I have not worked on a high-rise building in Maine, but I know that I would want every assurance that an outdoor elevator I was using to get to my job each day was installed and run by a qualified, trained individual.

As an electrician, the work that I do each day on a jobsite can affect the safety of everyone around me. If I've run temporary lights and power, is it done in such a way that it can easily be identified in the panel if there's a problem? Are the wires installed to keep the women and men I work around from coming into contact with energized conductors? The safety of the men and women I work with is part of my job as an electrician and everyone on the job knows I have a base level of knowledge because I'm licensed. I believe this should be the same for the operator of a personnel hoist.

I don't know much about the technical aspects of running a lift like these, but I know that I want the person in charge of it to be an expert. She/he is part of the crew that is responsible for me returning safely home from hard days work each afternoon. Working men and women deserve to know that person is qualified.

Thank you for your time an attention and I urge you to vote in favor of LD 1168.