



**Testimony of Matt Marks Against LD 1168**  
**“An Act To License Operators of Personnel Hoists”**  
**Committee On Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement and Business**  
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Senator Curry Representative Roberts and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee On Innovation, Development, Economic Advancement, and Business my name is Matt Marks; I am a resident of Scarborough and CEO of AGC Maine.

This bill would modify the current licensing program, their office and create additional licenses required to operate equipment, including personnel lifts, material lifts, and other hoisting equipment. We are opposed to this bill for the following reasons;

- A new board is unnecessary, and the authority to license personnel hoists exists within a professional state agency.
- The construction industry hoists are subject to OSHA regulations, and adding new measures is unnecessary.
- We are not aware of a need to further regulate hoists in Maine.

During the last 13 months, businesses across Maine are struggling with various conditions related to the pandemic. Changing licensing and oversight without cause creates additional layers of regulations.

A Board is not necessary to manage licensing or the work of professional staff. This is especially true as state budgets remain constrained and we continue to recover from a year-long operational modification of public agencies and private businesses. Asking companies to comply with new policies and pay more fees should be reserved for areas where problems exist.

Respectfully submitted by,

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