

**132 Legislature  
Judiciary Committee  
Testimony on LD Now LD 958, An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on  
Tribal Lands**

**from Jon Kachmar, Exec. Dir, Portland Trails—April 2, 2025**

Sen. Carey and Rep. Kuhn and the Honorable Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary:

- Portland Trails along with partners has built and maintains 100 miles of trails in Portland, Westbrook, Falmouth and S. Portland.
- We strongly support LD 958—An Act to Prohibit Eminent Domain on Tribal Lands
- Portland Trails supports the Wabanaki Alliance and other Wabanaki efforts they promote towards their sovereignty.
- We are working diligently to better understand Wabanaki history, land use and the potential to offer lands in our control for traditional uses for native peoples in Maine, particularly along the banks of the Presumpscot River.
- Portland Trails believes justice for native peoples in the Dawnland is long overdue. We urge you to please vote “Ought to Pass” on LD 958.

Thank you,

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