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LD 1941

I support LD 1941, as it is long overdue for the state of Maine to reinstate the parole system.

Currently, once you're sentenced to a certain term, you're expected to serve out that entire term in prison, unless a sentence is overturned in an appeal.

Parole gives prisoners freedom from prison life, once they are proven that they were on their best behavior in prison and not likely to reoffend once released. They will still be required to report to a parole officer regularly, as a condition, to make sure that they are adhering to the conditions given upon release.

Parole promotes rehabilitation for life outside prison. It's also more financially sound, as keeping a prisoner behind bars their entire term is 9 times more expensive than those who are paroled.

For that reason, I would say "ought to pass" for LD 1941.