

Support for LD 395, An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations

Senator Carney, Representative Kuhn, and members of the Judiciary Committee,

My name is Katie Donlan, and I am testifying in support of LD 395, “An Act to Restore Access to Federal Laws Beneficial to the Wabanaki Nations.” I am from Portland, Maine and currently live between Portland and Boulder, Colorado as I pursue graduate studies.

Passing LD 395 would restore the Wabanaki Nations’ access to federal laws passed to benefit tribal nations. The bill carries broad bipartisan support and is itself a compromise. It would quite simply put the Wabanaki Nations on par with other federally recognized tribes in terms of access to federal beneficial laws. It is rooted in basic, yet still unrealized, notions of justice and fairness. I urge you to vote in support of LD 395 today and stick to that vote in the days to come. Thank you for your time.

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