

**132 Legislature
Judiciary Committee
Testimony on LD 395 and LD 785**

An Act to Restore Federal Laws Beneficial to Wabanaki Nations

**An Act to An Act to Enact the Remaining Recommendations of the Task Force
on Changes to the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Implementing Act**

from Jon Kachmar, Exec. Dir, **Portland Trails** and Emma Bond, **Casco Bay Trail Alliance**, President—February 18, 2026

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

- Portland Trails, along with municipal and nonprofit partners, has built and maintains 100 miles of trails in Portland, Westbrook, Falmouth and S. Portland. The Casco Bay Trail Alliance is working to build a 72-mile trail from Portland connecting to Lewiston and Brunswick.
- Portland Trails and Casco Bay Trail Alliance strongly support both LD 395 and LD 785 as they would advance restoration of sovereignty for Wabanaki in Maine.
- Portland Trails supports the Wabanaki Alliance and other Wabanaki efforts that promote sovereignty, and we continue to work make our lands and trails as welcoming as possible and available for Wabanaki people.
- Portland Trails is working diligently to better understand Wabanaki history, land use and the potential to offer lands in our control for traditional and cultural uses for native peoples in Maine, particularly along the banks of the Presumpscot River in Portland, Falmouth and Westbrook.
- Portland Trails and Casco Bay Trail Alliance believe justice for native peoples in the Dawnland is long overdue. We urge you to please vote “Ought to Pass” on both LD 395 and LD 785.

Thank you,

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