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*Testimony of Rep. Bruce White presenting*  
**LD 358, An Act to Protect Workers from Unsafe Working Conditions with Regard to  
Indoor Temperatures**  
*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor and Housing*

Senator Raferty, Representative Sylvester and members of the Labor & Housing Committee, my name is Bruce White and I serve House District 109 in the Maine House. I am here today to present **LD 358, An Act to Protect Workers from Unsafe Working Conditions with Regard to Indoor Temperatures**.

Currently, there are no minimum and maximum temperatures required for indoor places of work. This bill would require the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health to establish these requirements.

The original complaint which generated my interest in submitting this bill came from an employee at a retail establishment that had a furnace issue and the employee was forced to stay in the building without any heat.

There do not seem to be any clear guidelines regarding unhealthy situations as I mentioned, and I would ask that the DOL establish and set guidelines around temperatures in indoor places of employment.

I understand there could be unintended consequences, and I hope that those can be addressed by your committee.

Employees deserve to work in comfortable temperatures, and I hope the committee will vote Ought to Pass on LD 338.

I would be happy to try to answer any questions now or at the work session when scheduled.

Representative Bruce White  
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