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Penobscot Nation  
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Senator Daughtry, Representative Sylvester, and members of the committee,

My name is Maulian Dana and I serve as the Tribal Ambassador for the Penobscot Nation. I am testifying in support of LD 1969 An Act Concerning Equity in Renewable Energy Projects and Workforce Development Sponsored by Representative Scott Cuddy, I support the bill as amended and have reviewed the amendment language.

Across the roles in which I serve I see the need for equity considerations as well as renewable energy development. I sit on the Maine Climate Council and co-chair the subcommittee on equity. In the "Maine Won't Wait" climate action plan and subsequent report our subcommittee has developed we stress the need to make the transition to clean energy. This will not be done in a way that serves all Mainers if we don't consider the equity and fairness in the process for implementing labor in the projects that we create.

I believe that Rep Cuddy has considered the unintended consequences that have been raised on this bill and will continue to work with interested parties to reach solutions that mitigate those concerns and also advance the benefits to those in our workforce who are historically marginalized or may slip through the cracks.

Thank you for your time and I apologize for not presenting in person, I look forward to any follow up questions via email and I urge you to vote ought to pass.

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