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Testimony Presenting LD 338
An Act To Amend the Law Governing the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative
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Good morning, Rep. McCreight and distinguished colleagues of the Marine Resources Committee. My name is Dave Miramant, and I proudly represent all of the people of Appleton, Camden, Criehaven, Cushing, Friendship, Hope, Isle au Haut, Matinicus, Muscle Ridge Islands, North Haven, Owl's Head, Rockland, Rockport, South Thomaston, St. George, Thomaston, Union, Vinalhaven and Warren in the Maine Senate.

I am introducing LD 338 for the purpose of changing the current law regarding the Maine Lobster Marketing Collaborative (MLMC).

The MLMC was established as a temporary program that was due to end this year.

The MLMC has been a demonstrable success over the years and this bill allows it to continue to serve the industry by making the changes in the statute that will allow it to continue.

This bill allows the surcharges to licenses to remain the same going forward.

I will turn it over to the Department to give you details and I am glad to answer any questions.