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As a co owner of Saltwind Seafarm in Scarborough, I strongly oppose this bill.

How can a business owner justify investing money into a business with such great uncertainty regarding transfer of ownership? How can a farm owner seek out investment money to grow with the possibility of losing lease areas due to law changes? This could potentially wipe out a large portion of current growing areas by having to conform to new changed laws when renewing lease areas. Aquaculture is a large part of our states future working waterfront. We should be promoting growth - not putting a damper on it.

I support the Maine Aquaculture Association in opposing this bill and in their work to come up with alternative solutions to keeping our growing industry in order.