

I am writing in opposition to LD 608 of the 130th session of the Maine Legislature

LD 608 attempts to further dilute the powers of the Governor by a) incorporating other bills now up for discussion and b) requiring the county commissioners have to first declare an emergency before the Governor can.

I object to this measure because it is within the Governor's purview and duties to quickly be briefed on emergency situations and declare the emergency so that agencies and organizations in the state can act accordingly. Judging by the Kennebec County Commission's website and emergency management page on FB, they are looking to the State for leadership and guidance, not the other way around.

It's the State that's equipped to make these calls, not the counties.