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## **TESTIMONY OF SENATOR MATTHEW POULIOT**

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## Public Hearing: May 7, 2021

An Act To Terminate the Augusta Downtown Parking District

Senator Baldacci, Representative Matlack and esteemed members of the State and Local Government Committee. I am Senator Matt Pouliot and I represent Senate District 15, which consist of the towns of Augusta, China, Oakland, Sidney and Vassalboro. I am here today to present LD 1520 *An Act To Terminate the Augusta Downtown Parking District*.

This bill is pretty straightforward, it repeals the Augusta Parking District charter.

The Augusta Parking District was created by a private and special law in 1947 and in order to dissolve the district, which has been requested by the City of Augusta, it needs to be done through statute. The Augusta City Manager is not able to be here today, but has provided written testimony to the committee, stating that the city and the current trustees of the parking district are in full support of this legislation.

Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.