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LD 1563

Good Day Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee on State and Local Government.

My name is Amy McFarland, and I am testifying today in favor of LD# 1563.

(An Act to Establish Content Standards for Legislation)

This bill requires all legislation to be completely drafted before introduction to the Legislature and not abstract or concept of the intent of the legislation.

By requiring a bill's language to be complete and transparent upon introduction, Mainers will be allotted enough time to read a proposed law in preparation to submit testimony.

The current way we are doing things is vague, and creates confusion.

Sometimes bills get misinterpreted and cause unintended consequences for Maine residents.

To protect Mainers and ensure transparency within our government, we must be open and honest with the bills being submitted.

This can be done by passing LD# 1563.

I ask you all today to vote "Yes" on LD# 1563, and help Mainers regain some trust within Maine's Legislative process.