

## **Testimony of William O’Neal**

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### **Neither for Nor Against LD 1004**

“An Act to Adjust Certain Implementation and Reporting Dates in Legislation Recently Enacted or Passed by the Legislature and Held by the Governor.”

Presented by Representative Moonen, of Portland, for Public Hearing March 18, 2026

BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Senator Baldacci, Representative Salisbury, and honorable members of the Joint Standing Committee on State and Local Government.

My name is Wil O’Neal, and I am the Director of Maine Emergency Medical Services. I am submitting testimony neither for nor against **to LD 1004**.

Part E, Sec E-3 (6), which requires a report regarding a structural reorganization proposal for the EMS Board, does not account for our tireless work to date, we ask it to be stricken and removed in its entirety. This work is already near completion. PL 2025 491 established the new EMS Licensing Board during the first session of the 132<sup>nd</sup>. In the currently underway session, we have proposed and passed LD 2128 through Committee. This work is already seeking to implement the second phase of our plan by reducing the size of the current EMS Board to increase its agility and focus.

Thank you for your time and for your continued support of Maine’s EMS clinicians and the patients they serve. I am more than happy to participate in any work sessions regarding this bill and to answer any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

**Wil O’Neal**

Director, Maine EMS