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**Testimony by State Senator Matthea Daughtry on LD 1109
*An Act To Align Equipment Requirements for Electric Bicycles
with National Manufacturing Standards*
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Senator Diamond, Representative Martin, and Distinguished Colleagues of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation:

My name is Mattie Daughtry and I am the State Senator for Senate District #24, which includes the towns of Brunswick, Freeport, Harpswell, North Yarmouth, and Pownal. I am pleased to present LD 1109, *An Act To Align Equipment Requirements for Electric Bicycles with National Manufacturing Standards*.

This is a simple, common-sense bill that will align the speedometer requirements for electric-assist bicycles under Maine law with the types of equipment installed on electric bicycles when manufactured and shipped nationally. Essentially, this bill helps Maine businesses by aligning Maine law with the realities of the bike manufacturing process.

Class 3 electric-assist bicycles are the fastest class of electric-assists bicycles, reaching maximum speeds of 28mph. Typically, these are the only electric-assist bicycles that come with built-in speedometers. This law would modify existing statute to state that only Class 3 electric-assist bicycles need to come equipped with speedometers, aligning Maine law with national bike manufacturing standards and correcting an oversight in the original language.

I believe that we should pass this bill to support our businesses and give people more opportunities to purchase bikes that get them outside and exercising.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this bill. I am happy to answer any questions.