

**Testimony of Chris Wharff, Harbormaster, Bar Harbor**  
**In Support of**  
**LD 1477, An Act to Provide an Exemption from Pilotage Requirements for Passenger**  
**Ferry Service Between Bar Harbor, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia**  
**Joint Standing Committee on Transportation**  
**April 29, 2025**

Senator Nangle, Representative Crafts, and Members of the Transportation Committee,

My name is Chris Wharff, and I am the Harbor Master for Bar Harbor. I testify in support of LD 1477, An Act to Provide an Exemption from Pilotage Requirements for Passenger Ferry Service Between Bar Harbor, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia.

- Bay Ferries has been a good neighbor and participant in Bar Harbor's economic development
  - o Invested in and maintains the Terminal Facility
  - o Provide essential service to our harbor infrastructure
- Come and go from Bar Harbor every day during daylight hours most of the year.
- Personally understand the familiarity of the CAT crew and expertise in maneuvering the CAT through Frenchman's Bay to Bar Harbor