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My name is Asher Putterman, I'm a Caregiver and farmer in Warren and I support this bill. I think that legislative oversight is needed to protect our medical program from a repeat of our current situation where an out of state unelected politician was put in place by our governor to undermine the repeated efforts of voters and business owners. This director is supposed to remove stigma and develop the market for these businesses that have existed for over a decade and instead has repeatedly used false narratives and propaganda to do the exact opposite. This has continued through the years even as hundreds of business owners have had to repeatedly take time from their busy schedules to testify, write bills and defend issues that have been repeatedly debunked with data or lack thereof on the other side. The levels of conflict of interest abound with this newer director and this has to stop. The actions of this director go against the wishes of the majority of Mainers and now we must rely again on our legislative body to represent the people of Maine, whom the governor seems to have ignored once again. Thank you to all legislators who have worked tirelessly to understand these complex issues and have helped the people of Maine to protect our precious medical program, it's because of you that we can serve our patients and state with high quality products at an affordable price. We are known nationwide for this and other states are now looking to develop similar models. Dirigo.