



Maine Forest Products Council

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Testimony in Support of LD 1025

“An Act to Improve Maine’s Economy by Changing the Hours of Operation for Oversize Loads”

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Senator Chipman, Representative Williams and members of the Committee Transportation, my name is Patrick Strauch, and I am here on behalf of the Maine Forest Products Council in support of LD 1025, “An Act to Improve Maine’s Economy by Changing the Hours of Operation for Oversize Loads.”

While I can’t speak to the specific recommendations provided by this bill, the Council’s Policy Committee felt strongly that we should support efforts to improve Maine’s oversize load laws in order to create efficiencies for the industry. Under the current rules, the transport of oversize loads even over short distances, can be costly and time consuming. While we aren’t wedded to any specific recommendation provided by this bill, the Council would encourage the Transportation Committee to work with the Maine State Police to identify adjustments that can be made to create efficiencies for Maine businesses with safety in mind.

For these reasons, please consider supporting LD 1025.

Thank you.

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