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Chairman Lawrence, Chairman Berry and Members of the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee,

The Office of the Public Advocate (“OPA”) testifies in support of LD 1567 “An Act To Change the Deadline for Submission of the Annual Report of the Public Advocate” which changes the deadline for submission of the annual report of the Public Advocate from August 1st to September 1st.

It is statutorily mandated that the OPA prepare and submit to the Governor and this joint standing committee an annual report on August 1st of each year. This report reflects the year’s activities, summarizes cases the office has been and is currently involved in and provides fiscal information relating to OPA.

As you know the end of the fiscal year for the State of Maine ends on June 30, 2019. The OPA is seeking and would welcome the additional time requested herein in which to gather additional data and information to include in the annual report.

Thank you for your time, attention and consideration of this testimony. The Office of the Public Advocate looks forward to working with the Committee on LD 1567, and will be present at the work session to assist the Committee in its consideration of this bill.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry J. Hobbins".

Barry J. Hobbins
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