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Testimony Neither For Nor Against
LD 1868, “An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and
Clean Resource Procurement Laws”
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Senator Lawrence, Representative Sachs, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Energy, Utilities and Technology,

My name is Heather Sanborn, here today as Public Advocate, to testify neither for nor against LD 1868, “An Act to Advance a Clean Energy Economy by Updating Renewable and Clean Resource Procurement Laws.”

Our comments today will be very brief. Creating a clean resource standard that includes nuclear power, if properly implemented, could provide for stabilization of energy costs. Coordinating with our regional neighbors is absolutely critical as well.

That said, the OPA is available to serve as a resource as the Committee wrestles with the specifics in this bill. For example, the Committee will need to sort out how the procurement sections in this bill coordinate with the extensive stakeholder work that has been done to craft a new procurement process in the most recent version of LD 1270. We believe it is critical to include robust ratepayer protections in the standard of review for any such procurement. Sections 1 and 26 of the bill, as drafted, do not contain these needed protections.

I welcome your questions and would be pleased to provide additional information for the work session.

Respectfully submitted,

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