

CCL Maine Suggested Legislation for testimony.

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See below 3 separate hearings at which you can testify, 11 bills in total (do any or all that grab you).

See below, TIPS for doing this. Also see below, how to testify....

NOTE:

When testifying to the Judiciary Committee, start your testimony with: “Senator Carney, Representative Harnett and members of the Maine Committee on Judiciary, I am...”

When testifying to the Education Committee, start with: “Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and members of the Maine Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, I am...”

Please feel free to share this and encourage others to testify. There is power in numbers!

CCL Maine ALERT

So much is happening in Maine and nationally, we have not focused much on **trafficking issues**. Here are two bills on **Wednesday, May 5, 2021, in the 10 a.m.** slot at which we will testify. Testimony for both bills will be in the **Judiciary Committee**.

LD 813 An Act To Increase the Penalty for Engaging in the Sex Trafficking of Children

SPONSOR: Sen. Diamond

In a nutshell: This bill elevates from Class B to Class A the crime of aggravated sex trafficking if the person being trafficked is 14 years of age or younger.

CCL Maine: Supports

Link: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280078599>

LD 545 An Act To Combat the Sexual Exploitation of Minors in Maine

SPONSOR: Rep, Andrews

In a nutshell: The purpose of this bill is to strengthen the criminal justice system's and Human Services' response to child sex trafficking. It increases the criminal penalty for engaging in prostitution or attempting to engage in prostitution with a person younger than 18 years of age or a person believed by the actor to be younger than 18 years of age. (The descriptor for this bill is quite long).

CCL Maine: Supports

Link: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280078942>

CCL Maine ALERT

So many of you prayed, signed the petition, and worked to defeat LD 798 An Act To Protect Maine Children and Students from Preventable Diseases by Repealing Certain Exemptions from the Laws Governing Immunization Requirements, sponsored by former Orono Legislator Ryan Tipping.

On Thursday, May 6, 2021 beginning at 10 a.m. in the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, 4 of our allies present bills meant to change, improve and even overturn LD 798. See the bills and our quick thoughts on each, then see an easy description of how YOU can go and (or electronically) testify.

If you want to testify and need assistance, contact Mike via private message or at 329-6148.

LD 96 An Act To Create Fairness in the Treatment of Students by Retaining Students with Certain Vaccine Exemptions

SPONSOR: Rep. Faulkingham

In a nutshell: This bill extends that exemption to any student who elected a philosophical or religious exemption from immunization on or before September 1, 2021.

CCL Maine: Supports

Link: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280078060>

LD 156 An Act To Promote School Attendance by Exempting Virtual Public Charter School and Private School Students from Immunization Requirements

SPONSOR: Rep. Drinkwater

In a nutshell: This bill exempts children who are enrolled in or attend a virtual public charter school or a private school from the requirement that a child must have evidence of immunization to be enrolled in or attend school.

CCL Maine: Supports

<http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280078134>

LD 833 An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Vaccines by Reinstating Religious Exemptions

SPONSOR: Rep. Kinney

In a nutshell: This bill reinstates the religious exemption.

CCL Maine: Supports

Link: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280079298>

LD 1082 An Act To Improve Educational Opportunities by Exempting Children Who Attend Virtual Public Charter Schools from Immunization Requirements and Expanding Enrollment at Virtual Public Charter Schools

SPONSOR: Rep. Sampson

In a nutshell: This bill expands enrollment ability and it exempts children who are enrolled in or attend a virtual public charter school from immunization requirements.

CCL Maine: Supports

Link: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280079585>

CCL Maine Alert

It would seem that there is a **War on Women** occurring right in front of us.

Nationally, the Equality Act is getting a lot of attention. Here in Maine, there are **3 bills** that will present this week in the Maine Judiciary Committee.

Maine Judiciary Committee May 6, 2021, at 9 a.m.

LD 1238 An Act To Protect Women's Single-sex Shelters

SPONSOR: Sen. Keim

In a nutshell: This bill exempts from the definition of "place of public accommodation" in the Maine Human Rights Act privately owned and operated facilities that provide emergency shelter to women or temporary housing for women who are in reasonable fear of their safety. Private facilities can choose to serve women only.

CCL Maine: Supports

Link: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280079894>

LD 1401 An Act To Prohibit Biological Males from Participating in School Athletic Programs and Activities Designated for Females at Schools That Receive Federal Funding

SPONSOR: Rep. Kinney

In a nutshell: This bill directs a school administrative unit or an elementary school, secondary school, or post-secondary educational institution in the State that receives any federal funding to prohibit a person whose biological sex at birth is male from participating in an athletic program or activity that is designated for females.

CCL Maine: Supports

Link: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280080215>

LD 926 An Act To Ban Biological Males from Participating in Women's Sports

SPONSOR: Rep. O'Connor

In a nutshell: This bill prohibits any student from joining or participating in an interscholastic or intramural athletic team or sports activity sponsored by an elementary or secondary school or post-secondary institution that is designated for "females," "women" or "girls" except for students of the female gender.

CCL Maine: Supports

Link: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280079378>

LD 1510 An Act Concerning Informed Consent of Minors' Authority to Release Health Care Information.

SPONSOR: Sen. Keim

In a nutshell: This bill amends the laws governing the confidentiality of health care information to provide that if a health care facility or health care practitioner maintains a minor's records electronically, then the records must be provided electronically to any person who is authorized to access the minor's health care records.

Link: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280080443>

LD 1292 An Act Regarding the Parental Right to Direct the Health case of Children.

SPONSOR: Sen. Keim

In a nutshell: This bill requires the Department of Health and Human Services to obtain permission from a parent or guardian before placing an infected minor in isolation during a public health emergency. It also prohibits physical examinations, surgical procedures, vaccine administrations and drug prescriptions for a minor without parent or guardian permission, as well as a physician's orders not to resuscitate, to withhold an artificial life-sustaining procedure or to withhold artificial nutrition and hydration.

Link: <http://legislature.maine.gov/LawMakerWeb/summary.asp?ID=280079893>

TIPS:

You are representing Jesus! Polite, loving, and helpful testimony. Testimony that is building. If you have a personal story, use it. Write what you want in length, as in anything...too long will possibly lose their interest. Feel free to include links, articles, and other supporting materials. You can hand in as much as you think is helpful.

If you testify live, you will be limited. They will stop you at the appointed time (3 minutes?). They (hopefully) will read your entire testimony anyway...In reading to them, skip parts someone else already said and make new points. Relax, have fun, be yourself, remember, they are people like you are.

HOW TO TESTIFY TO YOUR MAINE LEGISLATURE

To present written testimony.

Write testimony 😊

It is helpful, indeed, necessary, to know the Committee the bill is going to and the title/# of the bill. To begin...

1. Go to www.maine.gov
2. Scroll to “We the People” box in the middle of the page and click on “Legislature.”
3. Go to the top and click on “Committees.”
4. Choose “Testimony Submission.”

At this point, if you know your bill...you just answer the questions to submit your testimony.

5. Choose “Public Hearing” (unless you do want to address a confirmation hearing).
6. Read the policy and rules...at the end, you will choose the committee who has the bill.
7. Choose the date of hearing.
8. Find your bill choice from the presented list and choose yours, then you can write or upload your written testimony.

Note, it asks if you want to also speak to the committee at the hearing. You have to sign up at least 30 minutes before the start of the time slot your bill is in to get on the list to speak.

You are still there, fill out the contact info, the “I am not a Robot thing (Captcha)” and submit. You should get a receipt email shortly after confirming.

Want to email committee members on these issues?

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In testifying, you are honoring God and fulfilling a role the Founding Fathers laid out for us in the beginning...

Need help? Private message the [CCL page](#) on Facebook or contact Mike at 329-6148.

Thank you and God bless you!

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