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Testimony of Arthur Verow in support of
LD 783, Resolve, To Require an Independent Analysis of the Department of
Transportation I-395/Route 9 Connector Project
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation

Senator Diamond, Representative McLain and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, I am Representative Arthur "Archie" Verow and I represent House District 128, a majority of the City of Brewer.

I stand in support of LD 783, Resolve, To Require an Independent Analysis of the Department of Transportation I-395/Route 9 Connector Project.

This is a resolve that calls for the Department of Transportation to contract with a nongovernmental entity to perform an independent analysis and review of the Department's I-395/Route 9 Connector project in the City of Brewer and the Town of Eddington.

Specifically the analysis will focus on the Department's choice of a route, 2B-2, for this six mile extension of I-395. 2B-2 was one of numerous routes considered for this project.

Is 2B-2 the best route considering environmental impact, property damage, traffic safety, traffic flow and cost? This is what this independent analysis will determine and report its findings on to this committee. The committee will then evaluate the public interest costs and benefits of the project and determine if the findings warrant the continuation of the project or if the project should be terminated.

The cost of this study, \$25,000, is small compared to \$65,000,000 plus estimated project cost.

I would urge the committee to look favorably on this legislation for project analysis.

I will be glad to answer any questions you might have regarding my testimony.