

**TESTIMONY OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE
BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON INLAND
FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE**

NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST L.D. 717

**LD TITLE: An Act To Provide Free Fishing Licenses to Certain
Children in the Custody of the Department of Health and Human
Services**

SPONSORED BY: Representative McCABE of Skowhegan

**CO-SPONSORED BY: Representative KUSIAK of Fairfield,
Representative SAUCIER of Presque Isle, Representative SHORT of
Pittsfield, Senator TUTTLE of York**

DATE OF HEARING: March 12, 2013

Good afternoon Senator Dutremble, Representative Shaw and members of the Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee. I am Bill Swan, Director of the Licensing Division at the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, speaking neither for nor against **L.D. 717**.

L.D. 717 would allow a complimentary fishing license to be issued to any resident 16 or 17 years of age who is in the custody of the Department of Health and Human Services. The Department of Health and Human Services has provided data that indicates that the total number of persons who would be eligible for this complimentary license would be less than 300 people per year. Since only a small percentage of these people currently purchase fishing licenses, the total impact to department revenue would be very small if this were to pass.

I would be glad to answer any questions at this time or during the work session.