Maine Citizens for Clean Elections (MCCE) testifies neither for nor against LD 1341.

This bill clarifies that seed money contributions are contributions under the law, therefore subject to the ban, extended under this bill, on lobbyist giving.

Seed money contributions are contributions under the law, and MCCE believes this is clear in the statute. We have no objection to the further clarification suggested by Rep. Mills.

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§1122. Definitions
9. Seed money contribution.
“‘Seed money contribution’ means a contribution of no more than $100 per individual made to a candidate, including a contribution from the candidate or the candidate's family...’ ”