



Maine Real Estate &
Development Association

Supporting Responsible Development

11/03/23

Action Alert – LD 772, Permitting Predictability

MEREDA needs your help!! We are asking MEREDA members to provide testimony in support of LD 772, An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Permit Applicants, sponsored by Sen. Matthew Pouliot. A public hearing has been scheduled for the bill on November 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. before the Joint Select Committee on Housing.

HERE IS A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE BILL

This bill would help catalyze housing creation in Maine to meet the state's current and future need. This legislation is intended to establish a fair, practical, and predictable policy landscape for housing creators. The legislation would achieve this goal by establishing the date on which a land use application has been submitted as the date after which the land use ordinance cannot be changed with respect to that application.

For more information on the proposal, and to find a few advocacy discussion points to help you with your testimony, please see the attached Advocacy Kit.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

If you would like to provide testimony in support of LD 772, we would encourage you to attend the public hearing in the Joint Select Committee on Housing on November 14, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in the Cross Office Building Room 216. If you plan to testify in person, please bring 20 copies of your testimony to the public hearing.

If you would like to testify over Zoom, please follow these instructions:

- Go to the Online Testimony Submission webpage:
 - o Select "Public Hearing"
 - o Select "Housing"
 - o Select "Nov 14 2023 10:00AM"
 - o Select "LD 772 – An Act to Establish a Process to Vest Rights for Land Use Permit Applicants"
 - o Select "I would like to testify electronically over Zoom."
 - o Upload the testimony
 - o Fill in the remaining personal information

If you are unable to attend the Public Hearing in person or over Zoom but would like to submit written comments for the committee to review, you will follow the same instructions listed above but do not check the box that states: "I would like to testify electronically over Zoom."

For more information on the public hearing and to find a list of the legislators on the Joint Select Committee on Housing, please refer to the Advocacy Kit.