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To: Members, Joint Standing Committee on Taxation
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LD 936, An Act To Authorize Municipalities To Impose Service Charges on Tax-exempt Property Owned by Certain Nonprofit Organizations

Summary: This bill authorizes municipalities to impose service charges on owners of certain real property that is currently exempt from property tax.

Public Hearing: *Testimony was taken on LD 562 and LD 936 together; a list of those testifying is attached to this analysis sheet.*

Proponents

- The sponsor presented the bill and provided written testimony.
- Testimony in support of the bill was provided by municipal officials and Maine Municipal Association; written testimony was provided by Maine Service Centers Coalition

Opposed

- There was substantial testimony opposing the bill from representatives of veterans organizations, fraternal organizations, Maine Association of Nonprofits, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland, Maine Hospital Association, Maine Independent Colleges Association, Community Housing of Maine, several community non-profits and camps.

NFNA - None

Fiscal Information: The preliminary fiscal impact statement was not available at the time this analysis sheet was finalized. The most current fiscal information can be found online at: www.mainelegislature.org/LawMakerWeb/search.asp.