

Jordyn Rossignol
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LD 258

Testimony of Jordyn Rossignol
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In Support of LD 258, "An Act Making Unified Appropriations and Allocations from the General Fund and Other Funds for the Expenditures of State Government and Changing Certain Provisions of the Law Necessary to the Proper Operations of State Government for the Fiscal Years Ending June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 and June 30, 2025"

(Governor's Bill) Sponsored by Representative Melanie Sachs

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and the Joint Standing Committee on on Health and Human Services

Tuesday, February 21, 2023, State House Room 228

Senator Rotundo, Representative Sachs, members of the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs, and Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, members of the Health and Human Services, my name is Jordyn Rossignol.

I'm testifying to support the salary supplement investments for early childhood educators working in child care programs. I'm also asking for you to increase the investments in this salary supplement program. After taxes are withdrawn from the \$200 bonus, my hardworking educators go home with roughly \$185. When these hardworking members of our community are approached by other employment opportunities, they are not going to stay here with us at our center working long hours for an extra \$185 with no health benefits or a basic livable hourly wage. They are going to abandon our field like the 40+ teachers who have left our center in the last 3 years.

Later this session there will be a bill to propose increases to the salary supplement program and I ask you to support these measures to help save child care in the state of Maine.