

Testimony of Tawsha Hisler
In support of
***LD 1726: An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care for Working Families
sponsored by Senate President Troy Jackson***

Senator Baldacci, Representative Meyer, and distinguished members of the Health and Human Services Committee, my name is Tawsha Hisler. I am a daycare provider, and I live in Waldoboro. I'm testifying in support of LD 1726 An Act to Build Maine's Economy by Supporting Child Care and Working Families.

I support raising child care educator wages because not only would it benefit parents but it will also benefit daycares as well.

I support raising subsidy eligibility for Maine's lower income families because it helps families and will help keep daycares in business.

I support ensuring that subsidy reimbursement covers days when children are absent from their program because most daycares go by tuition not days attended.

I support Maine developing a long term plan to increase investments in child care programs while also increasing subsidy eligibility because its beneficial to everyone.

I support providing funding to pay for child care for child care employees because we need anything to try to get folks to work in the daycare industry. Us daycare providers have to work around ratios. If we dont have staff we cant fulfil our ratio.

I support shortened time periods for determining subsidy eligibility because peoples jobs and lively hoods depend on it

Please vote in support of LD 1726,
Tawsha Hisler