Testimony In Support of LD 1773

May 9, 2023

Dear Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and Members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee,

I am writing in support of <u>LD 1773</u>, <u>HP1136</u>, An Act to Increase the State's Share of the Cost of Health Insurance for Retired Teachers.

The cost of living has hit us hard this past year. Heating and utility costs and grocery bills have been particularly draining on monthly budgets. I was so pleased to see this bill come up for consideration as its passage will help retired educators make ends meet. Retirees want to be able to pay their bills and live with dignity. Please support the passage of this bill.

Sincerely,
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