

Testimony of Vickie Hawkes

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 Vickie Hawkes. I am a childcare teacher, and I live in Bath. 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 I have been in this field since 1992 and the wages we get are a joke due to the long hours we do and all the things we buy out of pocket. No good benefits. In field lack of respect from families.

I support raising subsidy eligibility for Maine's lower income families because I dont think there enough help out there for families to pay for childcare.

Please vote in support of LD 1726,
Vickie Hawkes