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I wholeheartedly encourage the committee and congress to pass LD 724 to recognize Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha as state holidays. As a friend and co-worker to several Muslims, I'm realizing how important and sensical this legislation is. This bill would create ease, joy and acknowledgment not only for the growing population of Mulism Mainers, but everyone.

Logistically, it would be incredibly helpful so Muslim students and workers don't have to choose between observing these important holidays and missing school or work, which in turn supports educators and employers. Passing this would mean fewer school absences for students, less time for teachers and professors helping students catch up, less stress for parents, and more family time. Additionally, it offers important recognition of our Muslim friends and neighbors and the opportunity to learn and teach about this holiday so many in our state observe.

Thank you kindly for your consideration.