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As an employee of a public charter school I think this bill would hurt charter school's ability to implement their unique missions that serve the state of Maine. For example, there is no teacher certification for woodworking or 3-D fabrication, or outdoor education, or engineering, or business. If this bill were to pass, does that mean that Baxter Academy cannot have an engineering teacher? Does it mean that Ecology Learning Center cannot have a Wilderness Skills class? I support the idea that teachers should be qualified to teach and there should be oversight. I would amend the bill to say that teachers without a license have to take a methods course to ensure the quality of their teaching, but to ensure they have a license is to restrict what can be taught in schools and that I think is not in support of public education, and specific not in support of the role that charter schools play in the state.