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LD 1474

To: Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
From: Mackenzie Krol, 745 Main Street, Fryeburg, 04037, High School Teacher
MSAD 72
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RE: Testimony in support of L.D. 1474, "An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of
Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools"

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and members of the Committee on
Education and Cultural Affairs,
My name is Mackenzie Krol , and I am a social studies teacher at Fryeburg Academy
and I live in Fryeburg.

I am testifying in support of L.D. 1474, "An Act to Strengthen the Teaching of
Wabanaki Studies in Maine Schools," because I believe Wabanaki studies are
essential to the history, livelihoods, and communities of Maine. As young people are
exposed to the cultures, histories, and people of the state of Maine, they form their
own views, beliefs and understanding of the world in which they live. Including
Wabanaki studies throughout their education builds an informed generation, better
attuned to the environment, land, and people of their state. My own curriculum has
benefitted from educational opportunities and professional development with Brianne
Lolar's position at the DOE and Wabanaki Advisors. Textbooks are often stagnant,
one-sided narratives, and the dynamic support of Lolar's position in developing
contemporary materials for teachers, students, and schools is vital to the pursuit of
Wabanaki studies in the education of Mainers.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage you to support L.D. 1474. Thank you for
your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,
Mackenzie Krol