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TESTIMONY REGARDING

L.D. 1163

L.D. 1163 An Act to Foster Career and Technical Education in
Maine Schools by Creating an Additional Pathway to Certify
Industrial Arts Teachers

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy and members of the
Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. I am Dave Keaton,
Executive Director of Maine Administrators of Career &
Technical Education, testifying on behalf of the CTE Directors of
the Maine Administrators of Career & Technical Education
(MACTE). MACTE would like to address LD 1163 as we are
neither for or against of this bill.

This bill addresses Maine's teacher certification rules known as
Chapter 115, including those for industrial arts, are currently
under review as per the direction of this committee. Introducing a
separate legislative pathway before this process is complete
could disrupt ongoing efforts to modernize and align teacher
certification requirements. The proper venue for changes to
certification should remain as is rather than through legislative
intervention.

As mentioned earlier, MACTE's position is neither for or against
this bill and we believe instead of creating a separate
certification pathway through legislation, Maine should continue
to refine its industrial arts and CTE teacher certification
standards through the ongoing Chapter 115 review process.

We look forward to discussing this matter with all of you in future
work sessions.

Yours in education,

Dave Keaton

MACTE Executive Director