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LD 1543

To: Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs
From: Anna Sommo, 174 Woodlawn Ave Portland Maine
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RE: Testimony in support of L.D. 1543 “An Act to Establish the Green Schools Network”

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs,

My name is Anna Sommo, and I am the Director of School and Community Partnerships for the Maine Environmental Education Association and I live in Portland

I am testifying in support of L.D. 1543 “An Act to Establish the Green Schools Network” because I believe this bill will help schools, students and teachers. I have seen how environmental education is taking place in classrooms throughout the state, and the positive impact on students of all ages and backgrounds- and the teachers who are leading them- is so inspiring. I want it to be easier for teachers to take their students outside, and the green schools bill would be a huge step towards support for these educators.

For these reasons, I respectfully encourage you to support L.D. 1543. Thank you for your time and consideration of my testimony.

Sincerely,
Anna Sommo