

**Testimony for
LD 972
“An Act to Change the Entity Responsible for Operating the Career and Technical Education
Center in Machias to Regional School Unit 37”
May 5, 2025**

To: Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy and other Distinguished Members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee

From: Scott K. Porter, Superintendent of Schools, AOS 96 (11 Towns in the Machias Area)

LD 972: “An Act to Change the Entity Responsible for Operating the Career and Technical Education Center in Machias to Regional School Unit 37”

I am writing in opposition to LD 972, “An Act to Change the Entity Responsible for Operating the Career and Technical Education Center in Machias to Regional School Unit 37”. The Machias School Committee, which is the CTE governing body for Coastal Washington County Institute of Technology (CWCIT), is opposed to transferring all governing authority to RSU 37. The Machias School Committee is not opposed to RSU 37 being an additional CTE Center in law, having authority over their current satellite programs, as long as the students in the current CTE center configuration can attend all current programming and any new programs.

The Maine Department of Education has pointed out there is a CTE Reorganization Statute (20A § M.R.S.A. 8307-A) that allows for the reorganization of a CTE center.

I urge this Committee not to support LD 972.

Thank you.