

LD 2166 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 6: Delegation of Nursing Activities and Tasks to Unlicensed Assistive Personnel by Registered Professional Nurses, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Professional and Financial Regulation, State Board of Nursing

Testimony in Support

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Senator Bailey, Representative Mathieson and members of the Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services Committee my name is Jake Zisette and I am a resident of Bangor, Maine. I am a Registered Nurse providing testimony in support of this bill.

I have been in healthcare for over 22 years. I started my career in healthcare as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). As you may know, a CNA is an Unlicensed Assistive Personnel (UAP). I have been a Registered Nurse (RN) for 20 years and have lived and worked as an RN in 5 states including Maine. My work experience is in a variety of settings from long-term care facilities to most of my experience in the Emergency Department/Critical Care areas in hospitals.

I can attest supporting this bill follows the national standard both as a UAP and as an RN and can speak from experience. In every hospital and long-term care facility I have worked and observed it is standard for nurses to delegate to UAPs. To not support this bill would be taking a step towards what is not a standard of clinical care. Every role in the patient care continuum is important. Registered Nurses should be allowed to practice at the top of their scope as should UAPs. With every decision I make at work, I ask myself if it is the best decision for our patients and our community. This bill follows my own personal principles and standards of keeping patients and the community the highest of priorities.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment in support of this important legislation.