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## TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

L.D. 111

### AN ACT REQUIRING THE STATE TO PAY A SHARE OF A RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEE'S OR RETIRED TEACHER'S PREMIUM FOR MEDICARE PART B UNDER MEDICARE ADVANTAGE

Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder, and members of the Committee on Labor and Housing. I am Steven Bailey, executive director for Maine School Management Association, testifying on behalf of the legislative committees of the Maine School Boards Association and Maine School Superintendents Association in support of L.D. 111.

Our members support this bill because it recognizes that it is a burden on many retired teachers to pay Medicare Part B premiums out of their pensions.

This bill recognizes that pension benefits differ for teachers, and essentially establishes a sliding scale based on the amount of their retirement benefit. That scale goes from 100 percent to 10 percent.

We think this is a fair proposal and one that is overdue.