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*Testimony of Senator Joe Rafferty Presenting*  
**LD 753, An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified**  
*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs*

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Representative Brennan and distinguished members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, my name is Joe Rafferty and I proudly represent the people of SD 34 including Berwick, North Berwick, Wells, Kennebunk and Kennebunkport.

I stand before you today seeking your support for **LD 753 “An Act to Allow Retired Teachers and Educational Technicians to Be Recertified.”** The bill allows the commissioner to reissue a professional teaching certificate or educational technician certificate to a retiree whose certification has lapsed. The same grade and subject areas they held would match the new certification.

The bill would require certain criteria such as the retiree taught for at least ten years and is receiving a retirement benefit from the State Employee and Teacher Retirement Program. Prior to their retirement, they possessed and active teacher certificate that has subsequently lapsed. An educational technician would have to have held an active educational technician certificate that has subsequently lapsed. It is intended that all current requirements would be in play moving forward.

My goal is to widen the scope of potential candidates for current vacancies throughout our schools. We’re tapping into a pool of experienced candidates with a proven history in education.

Thank you for your time and consideration, I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

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