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Testimony of Rep. Jan Dodge introducing
LD 1588, An Act to Provide Public Sector Labor Unions Reasonable Access to Information Regarding Employees
Before the Labor and Housing Committee

Good afternoon, Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and distinguished members of the Labor and Housing Committee. My name is Jan Dodge, and I represent House District #39, Belfast, Northport and Belmont. I am before you today to present **LD 1588, An Act to Provide Public Sector Labor Unions Reasonable Access to Information Regarding Employees**.

The Maine Education Association asked me to sponsor this bill to improve on LD 1451 that was enacted in the 129th Legislative Session. This bill clarifies the existing law around public sector employers providing contact information for all represented employees, not just new hires. Those who testify after me will be highlighting the reasons for the specifics in the bill.

We also are working on amendment language to present. We hope to include a dispute resolution process through the local collective bargaining agreement. Also, when the bill was drafted, "date of hire" was not included in the bill language specifically and should appear in each of the four sections. This omission was raised as a concern by Anya Trundy of DAFS.

I would ask that you direct your questions to the people who have working knowledge of the situations this bill will address.

Thank you for your time.