

**Testimony for  
The Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs  
February 26, 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 501: "An Act to Fairly Fund School Administrative Units for Economically Disadvantaged Students."**

LD 501 would change the Economically Disadvantaged weighted count on page 2 of the ED 279 from 0.15 to 0.25. This adjustment in the formula would add more state subsidy to a part of our student population that needs extra resources to meet state education standards. It is my hope this Committee will support LD 501.

Thank you.