

TESTIMONY REGARDING

L.D. 370



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An Act to Raise the Minimum State Standard for Mathematics Education for a High School Diploma

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. I am Dave Keaton, Executive Director of Maine Administrators of Career & Technical Education, testifying on behalf of the CTE Directors of the Maine Administrators of Career & Technical Education (MACTE). MACTE would like to address LD 370 as we are neither for or against this bill.

This bill changes the minimum state standard for mathematics education for a high school diploma from 2 years of mathematics instruction to 3 years of mathematics instruction. The bill requires the Department of Education to provide the necessary funding from department funds to carry out the purposes of the bill.

CTE Directors have concerns that LD 370 would hamper Maine CTEs from continuing to train our next generation of Maine skilled workforce:

- We consider this is a Local control issue
- If enacted, what Maine high school graduation requirement would be removed?
- Many Maine school districts have higher graduation requirements now
- Can we guarantee 350 hours of CTE instruction?
- Previously enacted LD 436 curriculum alignment work would have to be restarted.
- Would this bill need a fiscal note attached to it?

We look forward to discussing this matter with all of you in future work sessions.

Yours in education,

Dave Keaton

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