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Testimony of Rep. Michael Brennan introducing

LD 74, An Act to Update the System of Learning Results Review Timeline

before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Good morning Representative Murphy, Senator Rafferty and fellow members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Michael Brennan, and I represent House District 115, which includes a portion of Portland.

Today I am here to introduce a bill for the Department of Education, **LD 74, An Act to Update the System of Learning Results Review Timeline**.

This bill amends Title 20-A, §6209 directing the Department of Education to review the content standards and performance indicators in the Maine Learning Results. Currently, this review occurs on a 5-year cycle. This bill proposes that beginning in the 2025-2026 school year, the reviews occur on a 7-year cycle. This recommendation supports what we have heard from educators in the field who have asked for more time to implement changes from these review cycles.

The Department of Education will present testimony on this bill, and I respectfully request that you defer any specific questions regarding the content to them. I look forward to working with you as the Committee deliberates LD 74.

Thank you for your consideration.