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Testimony of Debra McIntyre, Executive Director, on behalf of the members of the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, testifying in support of LD 74 An Act to Update the System of Learning Results Review Timeline.

Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, my name is Debra McIntyre, and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association. On behalf of the members of MCLA, I am testifying in support of LD 74 An Act to Update the System of Learning Results Review Timeline.

The current review cycle of the Maine Learning Results of 5 years, is limiting and problematic for school districts across the state. While we recognize the value and importance of reviewing the state standards in a timely fashion, for a truly impactful implementation process more time is needed for school districts to make necessary adjustments to curriculum, instruction and assessment that incorporates revised standards.

As the Maine Learning Results guides the work of educators in all content areas, it is essential that there is adequate time for school districts to review any changes and to plan revisions to local curriculum. In addition, some revisions require support for implementation including professional development and providing for adequate resources. The additional time would allow both the MDOE and school districts to plan for a successful implementation.

For these reasons MCLA supports LD 74. Thank you for your time.