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Testimony of Representative Suzanne Salisbury presenting
**LD 722, An Act to Fund an Administrative Structure of an
Emergency Medical Services Education Program in the Community
College System**

Before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Good morning, Senator Rafferty, Representative Noonan Murphy, and distinguished members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs, thank you for the opportunity to present this bill before you today. I am Sue Salisbury, and I represent House District 128, which includes part of Westbrook. I am here today to present **LD 722, An Act to Fund an Administrative Structure of an Emergency Medical Services Education Program in the Community College System.**

Since my first session in the House, I have been working with stakeholders to bring about change in Maine Emergency Medical Services (EMS). Many of you have heard about the workforce challenges and concerns related to funding and reimbursements from providers in your area. In the 131st Legislature, we provided a historic allocation of \$31 million to Maine EMS. While the distribution of funds has been slow, some progress is being made. Through rulemaking, Maine EMS has recently recommended that \$7.5 million go to Maine-EMS training centers and \$1 million go to Regional Councils.

The goal of this bill is to help support this new direction that Maine EMS is taking by permanently allocating \$5 million per year from the general fund to the Community College System. This would establish and maintain the EMS education administrative structure required by Maine EMS rules and external accreditation standards for EMS education.

Draft Proposed Structure:

\$5 million for the Maine Community College system to develop and support an EMS program delivery administrative structure that will include:

- a. System Office:
 - i. EMS Education Program Director.
 - ii. System Clinical Coordinator.
 - iii. High School CTE EMS Program Liaison.
 - iv. Administrative Assistant.
- b. Individual College level (or each college offering paramedic level licensure education):

- v. Four EMS Program Directors, one each based out of SMCC, KVCC, EMCC, NMCC.
- vi. Four EMS Clinical Coordinators, one each based out of SMCC, KVCC, EMCC, NMCC.
- vii. Four full-time EMS Lead Instructors, one each based out of SMCC, KVCC, EMCC, NMCC.
- viii. Four Administrative Assistants, one each based out of SMCC, KVCC, KVCC, EMCC.
- ix. Other positions as deemed necessary.

Thank you for your consideration, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have about the bill.