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*Testimony of Representative Amy Roeder introducing*

### **LD 653, An Act to Allow Teachers to Qualify for Overtime Pay**

*Before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor*

Good afternoon, Senator Tipping and fellow distinguished members of the Labor Committee. My name is Amy Roeder, and I represent House District 23, which includes a portion of the great City of Bangor.

I am here today to introduce **LD 653, An Act to Allow Teachers to Qualify for Overtime Pay**.

Currently, teachers are entitled to overtime pay for hours worked beyond 40 in a workweek, but there are exceptions for those in executive, administrative or professional capacities who meet certain salary thresholds.

This bill would ensure that Maine teachers are not exempt from the laws governing minimum wage and overtime. Our teachers, who offer so much to our kids and families, deserve to be paid for the extra time they spend enhancing the lives of our community members.

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.