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*Testimony of Rep. Holly T. Sargent introducing
LD 2015, An Act to Require Superintendents of School Administrative Units
to Report Data Related to Educator Vacancies
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs*

Good afternoon, Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy and fellow colleagues of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. I am Representative Holly Sargent, and I am here today to introduce **LD 2015, An Act to Require Superintendents of School Administrative Units to Report Data Related to Educator Vacancies**, on behalf of the Department of Education.

This bill enacts a new section of Title 20-A, §1055 to include additional information on a school administrative unit's (SAU's) vacancy data. LD 2015 would include the number and type of the SAU's vacant teacher and Ed. Tech. positions annually. Enhancing this data will allow all of us to better understand where our shortages are located and which subject areas are suffering most.

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 the bill.

Thank you for your time and consideration.