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Testimony of Rep. Lydia Crafts presenting

LD 2050 An Act to Dissolve the Great Salt Bay Community School District
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs

Good morning, Senator Rafferty, Representative Murphy, and members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. My name is Lydia Crafts, and I represent House District 46, which includes Bristol, Damariscotta, Monhegan Plantation, Newcastle and Nobleboro. Today, I am pleased to present **LD 2050, An Act to Dissolve the Great Salt Bay Community School District**.

In 2025, the towns of Newcastle, Bremen, and Damariscotta agreed to leave AOS 93 and form a new RSU. Before this change, the Great Salt Bay Community School District existed as part of the AOS arrangement, but as a result of the changes, this entity is no longer necessary. It is my understanding that the only method to dissolve a community school district is through legislation, and therefore, I am before you today.

This administrative concern was brought to me by our superintendent, Lynsey Johnston, and the DOE. They will be able to provide additional information, as needed. I am also happy to answer any questions to the best of my ability. Thank you for your time today.