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Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. I am Elizabeth Alexander, I am in twelve grade at Region Ten Technical High School I am a three year student. I have two years in the Early Childhood program and am now taking Pre-Apprenticeship. I am writing this testimony on behalf of the students from Region Ten Technical High School in Brunswick in support of the LD 68: Resolve, To Reestablish the Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System.

I highly support this bill. Being a three year trade school student I have run into many problems. One big problem I have run into is scheduling. As a senior I have to take three elective classes that I should have taken as a sophomore. This has been a problem throughout my three years. I was willing to do this because I wanted to get the technical education I knew I needed and wanted so bad. Another big reason why I support this bill is because of how much the world lacks trades. We are in a scary time. We need people to fix our cars, fix our plumbing issues, etc. A four year comprehensive high school could make these numbers go up. There is a high possibility that more teenagers will be entering the workforce in a trade. This also goes with motivation in general. I speak for myself and many of my peers when it comes to this. Region Ten has saved so many from dropping out. This school has made it so it's all real world based. The things we do want to learn in life. We are all doing the things we love and are able to step foot into the career we love the most due to the stepping stone of this high school. A four year comprehensive high school would make our school more approachable for future students. This could be the start of saving more high school students from dropping out.

Thank you so much for taking the time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,

Liz Alexander