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Senator Daughtry, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Culture Affairs Committee. I am Cheyanne Wheeler, a senior at Region 10 Technical High School. I have finished one year in the CNA program and am currently in Pre Apprenticeship. I am submitting this written testimony on behalf of the students from Region 10 Technical High School in Brunswick in support of LD 680: Resolve, To Reestablish the Task Force To Study the Creation of a Comprehensive Career and Technical Education System.

I support this bill because as a two year Region 10 student I have had to switch my schedule around at my sending school to just be able to get a technical education. I wanted to get the education that Region 10 provides so I could get my foot in the door of the career I have wanted for so long. It is also very difficult to have to go to two different schools when your sending school and technical school are so different. It would be nice if there was a possibility to be in the same school for both academic and technical courses so you are with the same people, people, teachers, rules, etc. Also, when you have to spend about an hour every day for transportation between two different schools it takes a lot of time and energy out of the day. Every day we do this we miss a whole class period worth of time. In that amount of time I could be getting more of a technical education that I want to have.

Thank you for taking you time to read my testimony.

Sincerely,

Cheyenne Wheeler