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Testimony of Representative Michael Brennan introducing: LD 1189, “An Act To Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes” April 7, 2021

Good Afternoon Senator Rafferty and fellow members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. I am Representative Michael Brennan, and I represent District 36, part of the City of Portland. I am here today to introduce LD 1189, “An Act To Amend the Teacher Certification Statutes.”

This bill has been submitted on behalf of the Department of Education and reflects its efforts, along with the State Board of Education, to update Chapter 115 related to certification of educational personnel.

This updating is intended to align certification with current professional and accreditation standards. The legislation is necessary because several of the proposed changes in the rules are not consistent with existing statutes.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.