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## TESTIMONY NEITHER FOR NOR AGAINST

L.D. 1189

### AN ACT TO AMEND THE TEACHER CERTIFICATION STATUTES

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. I am Eileen King, deputy executive director of Maine School Management Association, testifying on behalf of the legislative committees of the Maine School Boards Association and Maine School Superintendents Association regarding L.D. 1189. MSBA supported the bill and MSSA was neither for nor against.

Our associations appreciate the thorough and inclusive work the State Board of Education and Deputy Commissioner Dan Chuta have done on the proposed revision of Chapter 115. Representative subgroups of people affected by this rule, including superintendents, worked on the various subsections of the rule with the intention of creating a document that is rigorous and sustainable.

There will be more discussion around the proposed rule when it is presented to you in total. What you have before you is a start of the law changes that support the revised rule.

Our association did weigh in on Section 5 in the bill to support passing the Praxis 1 as one of the pathways for teacher certification.

We are not submitting testimony on L.D. 1149 because we are supporting the proposal that was informed by the working groups and reviewed by the State Board of Education Certification Committee.