



Maine Curriculum Leaders Association

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**Testimony of Courtney Belolan, Executive Director, on behalf of the members of the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, testifying neither for nor against LD 1250 An Act To An Act To Restore a School District's Ability To Authorize New Types of Schools and Programs.**

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee, I, Courtney Belolan, the Executive Director of the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, offer testimony neither for nor against LD 1259 An Act To An Act To Restore a School District's Ability To Authorize New Types of Schools and Programs.

In general, MCLA members see the potential for this bill to support innovative programs and practices within Maine public schools. The lack of clarity around how the school board and school board collaborative structures work together and in general, along with many questions around the logistics of an in-district charter school and possible implications for a school system prevent us from being able to clearly support, or oppose this bill.