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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

L.D. 452

AN ACT TO REQUIRE CERTAIN SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

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 in support of L.D. 452.

Our association supports the bill and recognize there is an advocacy campaign to promote offering free menstrual products in schools, both in the U.S. and Europe.

We understand more than a dozen states have or are considering similar bills, and California, Illinois, New Hampshire and New York already have enacted legislation.

There will be a cost to schools, and it would be helpful to understand that cost based on the experience of other states. The Legislature's fiscal office has identified this as a potential state mandate with significant costs statewide.