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LD 1329 is a critical step for Maine to offer services that directly effective economic growth in the state. Workforce development is a puzzle and without the additional support systems like those described in this act, we are setting up people to fail. Businesses do not want this, we NEED this to grow. At Ready Seafood Co. roughly 70% (out of our 400+ team members) our new Mainers/native born Mainers that have been out of the workforce for years. As we continue to grow, this percentage is only going to increase and we urgently need these types of programs in place.