

Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

I have had a great experience working with our local school district here in Maine during my nearly 25 years of homeschooling.

I do

have some concerns regarding the inclusion of homeschoolers in LD's 1343 and 1426 and respectfully request that homeschoolers be removed from the language of both LD 1343 and LD 1426.

Studies show that private home education is working well.

Funding homeschoolers blurs the lines between private and public education, destroys the innovative spirit of the option, and could be a breeding ground for fraud.

I appreciate the work that you are doing.

Respectfully,

Denise Michaud