

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

L.D. 1932

RESOLVE, REGARDING LEGISLATIVE REVIEW OF PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 132: LEARNING RESULTS: PARAMETERS FOR ESSENTIAL INSTRUCTION, A MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE RULE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. I Steven Bailey, 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. 1932 affecting Chapter 132 dealing with health education, physical education, world language and performing arts.

More than 20 teachers, from across the state, weighed in on this rule. Their districts covered a wide swath, with central offices in Camden, Cape Elizabeth, Hampden, Hiram, Old Town, Poland, Readfield, Rumford, Waterville and West Bath. Their comments were generally supportive and constructive and can be seen on the Department of Education's website.

As noted on the DOE website, once the comment period ended, the department convened a steering committee with representation from a variety of grade levels and roles in education and across content areas and geographic regions. Administrators were part of that group.

We believe the process that created this proposed rule was thorough and engaged appropriate stakeholders and support its adoption.