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Testimony of Courtney Belolan, Executive Director, on behalf of the members of the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association, testifying in support of LD 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 esteemed members of the committee, my name is Courtney Belolan and I am the Executive Director of the Maine Curriculum Leaders Association which is comprised of curriculum administrators, assistant superintendents, instructional coaches, and other instructional leaders in over 100 school districts from Ft. Kent to Kittery, encompassing over 80% of Maine's students. On behalf of our members, MCLA fully supports LD 132 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Portions of Chapter 1932: Learning Results: Parameters for Essential Instruction. The DOE routinely engages educators from around the state to review and update the Maine Learning Results on a periodic basis to reflect changes in the content area fields, such as those indicated by updated national standards documents, as well as any changes indicated by statute. Maine educators have a strong voice in this process and we trust their professional knowledge, judgment, and insight. As such MCLA supports the revisions to the Health, PE, and Foreign Language standards presented in LD 1932.