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Senator Rafferty, Senate Chair  
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Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan, and Distinguished Members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committees:

LD 1018, An Act to Increase the Membership of the State Board of Education and Review the Board's Responsibilities, Functions and Staffing proposes to add one member to the State Board of Education who must be a current or former Department's Maine Teacher of the Year awardee and would serve a 3-year term.

The creation of the working group and implementation of the study proposed in LD 1018 to review the responsibilities, functions and staffing of the State Board of Education is work the Department of Education is not opposed to. The delegation of staff time and resources will require additional funding. The Department estimates an added expense of \$5,000 to complete this requirement.

The Department will be available to provide additional information on LD 1018 and respond to any questions during the upcoming work session.

Sincerely,

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Director of Policy and Government Affairs

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