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LD 1642

To the Members of the Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs:

Please pass LD 1642 into law. We should make Wabanaki Studies possible. I grew up in Oxford County Maine and attended public school at Telstar High School. Long after I graduated, I had the opportunity to learn about Wabanaki history in our state. I was shocked and appalled at having grown to adulthood without learning the central relevance of the role the tribes have played since colonization, let alone the rich and compelling history of their thousands of years of cultural existence. I truly believe that you cannot understand the policies and politics of our great state without knowing the history of the Wabanaki. We should all be proud to keep as much of that alive and thriving as we possibly can. Erasing the continued striving of the Wabanaki themselves is unconscionable. Passing this bill is important.