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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF

L.D. 2131

AN ACT TO SUPPORT EXTENDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Senator Rafferty, Representative Brennan and members of the Education and Cultural Affairs Committee. I am Victoria Wallack, Director of Communications and Government Liaison at 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. 2131.

MSBA and MSSA support L.D. 2131 as it incorporates extended learning opportunities into subsection 4703, Instruction for Individual Students. Extended learning opportunities are beneficial to all students as they allow students to delve deeper into subjects and allow educators to tailor instruction to meet individual learning needs.

Extended learning opportunities can bridge the gap between content knowledge and real-world application fostering life skills such as critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration. They can also promote enrichment activities while at the same time addressing learning gaps.

Our associations support L.D. 2131 as extended learning opportunities offer a more flexible and enriched educational experience, catering to the diverse needs and interests of students while preparing them for success in both academic and real-world contexts.