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I greatly appreciate and support this LD 1573 for the following facts:

- cost of living in Maine have raised but our rate per hour is still very low;
- so many people don't want to do this job and /or they will quit after just few days of service; those who remain are the ones that love the career and individuals.
- Caregivers play a vital role that would be compared to nurse duties; this includes Caring for the patients, communicating with the doctors, administering medicine and checking vital sign, some time Caregivers do more than nurse; but still the rate is a way too low that nurse in general.
- caregivers provide companionship, socialization and help with daily living activities and being another more reasons their rate should be revised;

Based on the experience; Caregivers do a lot and I support this idea for revising the rate.