

TESTIMONY OF JEFF MCCABE, DIRECTOR OF POLITICS &
LEGISLATION MSEA/SEIU, LOCAL 1989 BEFORE THE JOINT STANDING
COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND HOUSING

In Support of LD 358

February 22, 2021

Chair Rafferty, Chair Sylvester, members of the Committee on Labor and Housing; my name is Jeff McCabe, I am the Director of Politics & Legislation for The Maine Service Employees Association Service Employees International Union, Local 1989 (MSEA-SEIU, Local 1989). Maine Service Employees Association is a labor union that represents approximately 13,000 workers and retirees, mainly in the public sector, statewide.

I am here in support LD 358. This bill requires the Department of Labor, Board of Occupational Safety and Health to establish minimum temperatures and maximum temperatures in indoor places of employment. We think this process would allow for stakeholders to provide useful info to set standards indoor temperatures. Indoor air temperatures issues are something that those we represent have had ongoing issues with in several worksite location around the state. We believe this bill may help with future issues and create a set standard.

I am happy to answer any questions or provide more information to the committee for work session.