

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

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In Support of LD 248 An Act Regarding the Board of Occupational Safety and Health. This bill allows the Board of Occupational Safety and Health the authority to adopt emergency rules.

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 248. This bill allows the Board of Occupational Safety and Health the authority to adopt emergency rules. When reviewing this bill, we discussed how this update would allow for rule making to occur in a timelier manner during the next public health crisis. We believe setting rules and standards in this way would be the most efficient and standardized way to do it.

I am happy to answer any questions.