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I am writing in support of LD 1443. It specifies real grounds for initiating a recall of Public School Board Members by setting specific guidelines for cause, as well as high enough numbers/percentages of registered local voters so that it is unlikely to be used as retaliation simply because a board member did not vote as someone wished. As a State regulation, it would level the playing field in towns and school districts both large and small, by specifying a good percentage of actual registered voters. One improvement might be to clearly state that a recall cannot be initiated by an outside resident, group of outside residents, or any larger organization whose agenda is to undermine the integrity of school boards and public education....or simply that it must be initiated by a registered voter in that town or district, whichever is more applicable and appropriate (inclusion vs exclusion). Thank you for your consideration.