

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
Vote:	5 - 3 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Freeman, Garrett, Wingard, Olson
Nays:	Barnhart, Holvey, Hunt
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Jim Stembridge, Administrator and Victoria Cox, Committee Staff
Meeting Dates:	6/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Expands types of entities that may sponsor public charter schools.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Statutes governing public charter schools in Oregon were enacted in 1999. As of the 2009 – 2010 school year, 103 charter schools served over 18,000 students, which constituted 3.3% of the total student population in Oregon. Fourteen new charter schools opened that year.

Current statute limits sponsors of public charter schools to school districts and the State Board of Education. House Bill 3645 expands sponsorship to include any 501(c)3 tax-exempt Oregon nonprofit entity with a mission statement to promote K-12 education and any four-year, nonprofit, generally accredited institution of higher education based in and operating in Oregon.