

SB 240 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Removes cap on percentage of students from any school district who are permitted to enroll in virtual charter schools not sponsored by their district and repeals related provisions. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Oregon Department of Education reports that 20 charter schools identified themselves as fully or primarily virtual during the 2019-2020 school year, representing 15 percent of all charter schools in the state. These schools enrolled 37 percent of all charter school students, or 14,219 students in the 2019-2020 school year. Currently, state law caps at 3 percent the number of students from any school district that can enroll in a virtual charter school not sponsored by that district. Senate Bill 240 removes that cap and repeals related notification provisions.