

My name is Brian Hall, and I am writing in support of SB 240 and raising the 3 percent enrollment cap on virtual schools. As Oregon residents and (significantly contributing) taxpayers, we feel strongly that we should be allowed reasonable latitude to select the school that best suits our children. If we were forced to attend a local public (physical) school, we would simply choose a local private institution ... which would solve nothing for the local school district and would only be wasteful for us. Oregon Charter Academy is exactly the right fit for our family — exclusive of the current pandemic situation. We understand the need to plan ahead and allocate per capita funds based upon student enrollment, etc.; however, that should not be the primary rationale for enforcing an arbitrary cap on leaving the local district for an online charter school. Our children are thriving at ORCA in every respect, it is perfect for our entire family and we would be damaged without it.