

My name is Courtney Orn, and I am writing in support of SB 240 and raising the 3 percent enrollment cap on virtual schools. I tried to enroll my son in Oregon Charter Academy as soon as the pandemic hit for his safety. I did not want my son's safety to be at the mercy of the governor or the school district. I was denied. When I appealed, I was denied again. I was then forced to put my son into the Edmentum program, which turned out to be a huge source of stress as they were not prepared for the surge. If we had been accepted into the Oregon Charter Academy we could've kicked off the most stressful school year of our lives with an established program. It would've meant my son receiving an education rather than bouncing around trying to work with half-baked programs. I am going to try to enroll him again this year. I hope he is able to leave the Lincoln County School system.