

Dear Senate Committee on Education,

Thank you for this opportunity to share my public testimony in favor of SB 240. My name is Carleen Ira and I am a resident of Beaverton, Oregon. I have two students currently enrolled in a full-time online learning charter.

Our online charter provides high quality, pen and paper curriculum, curated specifically to meet the unique needs of my children. Educators provide benchmark testing, feedback, guidance, and professional support. Additionally, online electives enrich and round out my children's learning. My daughter, specifically, has taken special advantage in this educational model with our access to Orton-Gillingham approved reading materials. She went from a struggling kinder reader at our neighborhood school, to making great gains in fluency and confidence at home.

Without the support of the charter, purchasing curriculum would be a significant financial burden for our family. The current 3% cap on students simply does not match the diverse needs of Oregon students. Let's give Oregon parents greater school choice and more opportunity for success by moving forward SB 240.

Thank you for your time,
Carleen Ira