

SB 1552 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Repeals three percent cap on students from any school district who can enroll in virtual public charter school not sponsored by their district beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Virtual charter schools entered Oregon's education landscape with the passage of Senate Bill 767 in 2009 (chapter 691 Oregon Laws 2009). That bill also created an Online Learning Task Force charged with studying issues related to virtual charter schools. The three percent cap on the number of students from any district who can enroll in a virtual charter school not sponsored by their district was enacted in 2011 with passage of Senate Bill 994 (chapter 718 Oregon Laws 2011). In the 2020-2021 school year, 19 charter schools identified as fully or partially virtual. Approximately 22,000 students attended these schools that year.