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We are one of the families who have been trying to transfer out of our local school district but are being denied because the district is over it's arbitrary 3% for transfers to virtual public charter schools. 2 of my children have not been enrolled in our district's schools for the last 5 years yet are still being denied the transfer. Because of our home address, they get to make the final call. How insane that a school district, that is UNABLE to provide the necessary education for a child, has more control over them than the parents trying so hard to provide that child with a personalized education that will allow them to learn at their level and thrive! We are now considering moving out of state after fighting to get this decision of denial appealed because it shouldn't be this difficult (and ISN'T in all the other states where the program we are trying to get into is available) to provide our children with a school that fits their unique needs. I see this bill as a great opportunity to allow families to continue living here and contributing to our local areas of Oregon AND get the education that serves their children best and that they deserve. We enjoy our community and our life here but have been sorely disappointed in our school options, especially when comparing it to our years of experiences with our older children out of state before we moved here. I have finally found something that serves my children with their very specific needs and will allow them to learn at their level and pace, something they were not doing in our local schools, yet our school district is saying I am not ALLOWED to provide my children with it. This is not ok. Children spend so many of their formative years in school. They need to be allowed to get the education that works best for them, even if it is outside of the district where their home address happens to lie. Thank you for your consideration.