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Charter Schools should be supported across the state of Oregon and NOT limited. Freedom of choice in schooling is a civil right. This proposed law is politically motivated to prevent a group of citizens from starting a charter school that has already been applied for within the Pinehurst School District in Ashland, OR. This is a very small district that has a school that is not meeting all the needs of the local families. This is definitely NOT emergency legislation and should NOT be passed as such due to the fact that it has long term ramifications for all citizens of Oregon who may want/need freedom of choice in education. I call on the legislature to act in good faith and support the rights of citizens interested in finding solutions for educating their children with the charter school model. Competition from charter schools has always raised the standards of education in the districts where they can be found. When schools compete, parents and children win. Be a part of the solution for parents in schools that are not meeting all the needs of the local families and please don't hinder charter schools further with this legislation. I am a business owner and property owner in the district where this battle is being waged. I am strongly opposed to this reactionary legislation.