

Submitter: Maggie Oberhofer
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

Dear Committee:

I am the parent of three children who attend City View Charter school in Hillsboro Oregon. I am writing in opposition to this bill.

City View is the only charter school in the Hillsboro School District. We are very happy with the school, our kids are thriving.

City View was founded by parents and is a very close knit community school. It has been trying to purchase a school within this district for many years. When my now 6th grader was in kindergarten, I started attending the building search meetings and know that finding real estate here in Hillsboro has presented a unique challenge. Because Hillsboro is home to many 'silicon forest' companies, who will pay top-dollar for this prime location--real estate prices within the district are beyond the means of this small school. After many many hours put in by parent volunteers and staff, the school has found affordable real estate just a half-mile outside of the district and was hoping to purchase and operate the school from there.

This bill will kill our small school's future. I urge you on behalf of my children not to pass this bill as-is. I do understand there are many for-profit charter schools that seek to operate in our state and are probably what are driving this legislation. Please do not endanger grass-roots Charter schools like City View. Please make some provision to grandfather operating schools, or exempt non-profit schools. Please vote 'no' or bring this bill back to the drawing board entirely.

I thank you in advance for your consideration.
Maggie Oberhofer