

Submitter: John Axford
On Behalf Of: Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

I oppose SB 767 because of the impact on the excellent Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School, which would effectively be forced to close due to the strict requirement that charter school facilities be within their sponsoring districts boundary. Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School's likely new facility is just 1000 feet out of their sponsoring district, the Gresham-Barlow School District.

My four nieces and nephews, along with several of their cousins, are receiving superb educations at Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School; causing this successful school to close would needlessly disrupt the education of the children and permanently harm the healthy and supportive community of families that has formed around this school.

Please vote "NO" on this bill, or delay it long enough to evaluate the impact of the boundary conditions on charter schools who struggle to find suitable facilities.

Thank you for rejecting this legislation.