

Submitter: Chad Kernutt
On Behalf Of: We the Parents
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

Dear Oregon lawmakers,

My name is Chad Kernutt and I'm a father of 3 school aged children. I beg you to oppose the horrible bill that is SB-767. This proposed bill seeks to "limit the scope by which public charter schools may conduct operations in school district that is not the sponsor of the public charter school." This bill would make it very difficult for charter schools to gain support from non-sponsor districts, and makes it more difficult for new charter schools to emerge. This is a direct attack on parents' choice and the right to alternative education options and the government is seriously over stepping here and trampling on the rights of the parents who absolutely and unequivocally have the right and say in their childrens education as it comes into the process of parenting and guiding our children.

Charter schools offer parents an alternative to traditional public schools that may not be a good fit for our children and it's an alternative that comes without the financial burden of leaving the public education system. 72% of Oregonians support school choice, including 60% of Democrats. As elected officials, it is important to represent the views of your constituents, the majority of whom likely support school choice and charter schools. By opposing SB 767, you can demonstrate your commitment to representing the will of the people and preserving their right to choose their child's education.

Parents deserve choice in their child's education, and charter schools provide that option. This bill seeks to limit parents' choice and will ultimately lead to more parents leaving the public school system in favor of private institutions and homeschooling options. Please oppose the bad bill that removes the voice and will of the parents and oppose SB-767. Thank you.