

**Testimony Submitted By:** Melissa Stark

**On Behalf Of:** City View Charter School

**Committee:** House Committee on Education

**Measure:** SB 767

---

My name is Melissa Stark and I am a proud City View Charter School parent. I also serve on the board of directors as the board president. City View Charter school (CVCS) has been in operation for 19 years, serving over 300 students as Hillsboro's only charter school. We have been searching for a home of our own for over a decade within the Hillsboro School District (HSD) Boundaries with no viable options (due to the industrial growth/overlay). Recently, we found a correctly zoned building that could give our school the permanent home our students & teachers deserve. This building resides within Hillsboro City Limits, but it is not inside the HSD school boundary line. SB 767 (as it is currently written) will impact our ability to move forward with the purchase and renovation of this building. It may be impossible for us to complete construction and be operational in our new, out of district location by that early of a timeframe in 2024.

CVCS is working as quickly as possible to be operational in our new location prior to the January 1, 2024 date specified in the amended version of SB 767. We are doing everything to protect our investment and community while realistically acknowledging that any construction project may encounter setbacks which we cannot control that will in turn impact our anticipated moving date of December, 2023.

I agree that current charter school law needs to be modified to close the loophole that SB 767 is trying to address. However, the ramifications of this bill (as it's currently written) continues to create collateral damage to other well established, public charter schools such as ours. Our intent is to find a forever home and continue offering HSD students a free, quality education that they are all entitled to. If this operational deadline of January 1, 2024 is not extended, City View and other well established charter schools will be forced to close our doors. I am asking for an amendment to extend the January 1, 2024 out of district operations deadline date by 30-90 days further into 2024. Thank you for your work on this bill and for your consideration of my request.