



OREGON COALITION OF COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOLS

Support for House Bill 2953 – Removing the Special Education Funding Cap

The Oregon Coalition of Community Charter Schools writes to express our strong support for **House Bill 2953**, which seeks to remove the **special education funding cap for public schools** in Oregon.

The current cap on special education funding disproportionately affects public charter schools, which often operate with fewer resources and less financial flexibility than traditional public schools. Many of our students require intensive support services, including individualized instruction, specialized therapies, and assistive technology. Under Oregon law school districts are required to provide SPED services for public charter school students with an IEP. With the current funding cap and increasing need for services too many school districts are forced to ration resources, leaving many public charter school students underserved and placing undue strain on educators and families.

House Bill 2953 is a critical step toward **ensuring fair and adequate funding** for students with disabilities. By eliminating the cap, the legislature can uphold the principle that every student, regardless of ability, deserves **fully funded, high-quality education**.

Investing in special education is not only a legal and moral obligation but also a **strategic investment in Oregon's future**. Students with disabilities bring diverse talents and perspectives to our communities, and with appropriate resources, they can achieve their full potential. House Bill 2953 ensures that funding is based on actual student needs rather than arbitrary limits, fostering a more inclusive and effective education system.

I urge you and your colleagues to support **House Bill 2953** and advocate for its passage. Removing the special education funding cap is a necessary and just step toward educational equity for all Oregon students. Thank you for your leadership and dedication to public education.