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On Behalf Of:
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House Committee On Education
Oregon State Senate
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the Committee:

As a board member of Arthur Academies Charter Schools, I urge you to support House Bill 3444. Our schools are committed to providing all our students with an education program that will be one in which they encounter success and are highly prepared for their future education.

Oregon's public charter schools now have to work with funding limitations which make it difficult for us to provide all the individualization we would like to provide. Our schools can only access 80% of State School Grant funds, and have no access to the number of other revenue streams that districts receive.

Passing HB 3444 will help make more funding available to serve our students by:

- Allowing charter school students to access 95% of the ADMw provided through the State School Fund.
- Allowing charter school students to access local, state and federal education dollars that are also currently available to non charter public schools.
- Allowing charter schools to provide transportation services to students living within their sponsoring district and access transportation reimbursement grant dollars for providing those services.

On behalf of our teachers, staff, and most importantly students, please support HB 3444.

Thank you,

Jerry Silbert
Board Member
Arthur Academies