

Submitter: Alexandra Hobbs
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

To whom it may concern,

My name is Alexandra Hobbs and I am a mother of two students who attend Redmond Proficiency Academy— a public charter school in Redmond Oregon. This is an extraordinary institution that is doing extraordinary things with just half of what traditional public school models receive. Not only do the students who attend schools like RPA deserve equal access to state funding, the educators deserve to be paid the same amount as their non-charter counterparts. These schools are a treasure to our state— often outperforming and thinking more creatively than other schools in their area. Oregon is in dire need of new models in education and charters are leading the way. As someone who has enrolled her children in both traditional public schools and a charter like RPA, I would not go back to a traditional public school model. I urge the committee to support HB 344 and support charter school funding. Thank you for your time!