

Submitter: Heidi Killian  
On Behalf Of: Arthur Academy Public Charter School  
Committee: House Committee On Education  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Heidi Killian and I have been a teacher at Woodburn Arthur Academy Public Charter School for nearly 9 years. Our school grades are Kindergarten through 5th grade. Like all other charter schools in Oregon we receive most of our money from grants, the state and the federal government. Even though our funds are significantly smaller than district run schools we make the most of every dollar to operate our school and teach our amazing students.

Our curriculum is not new, we do not have the fanciest playgrounds and we do not have the latest and greatest technology or a plethora of supplies. What we do have are passionate adults who come to work everyday to provide a safe, positive, and stimulating environment for all students to be successful, grow and learn.

The passing of House Bill 3444 would increase funding for Oregon's public charter schools. The extra funds are needed for operation expenses, student materials, and better transportation options.

Please consider passing Bill 3444 to help our charter schools with much needed funding and strengthen our education system for our families and community.

Sincerely,  
Heidi Killian