

Submitter: Crystal Boettcher

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of HB 3444. As an Arthur Academy charter school teacher, I want the best for my students and want fair and equitable funding. Our students only receive 80% of the funding while the district retains the other 20% as "Administrative Oversight Funds" making a profit off of our students. As a charter school we provide our own Human Resources, Finance, Operations, Board and other services and are required to adhere to quarterly and annual IRS reporting requirements as a 501(c)3. As a charter also, we are responsible for facility costs while district run facilities are funded through bonds.

Expanding access to state funding for public charter schools is essential to ensuring educational equity, fostering innovation, and strengthening Oregon's entire public school system. Every student- regardless of where they attend school- deserves access to quality resources, experienced teachers, and opportunities for success.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,

Ms. Boettcher