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Every public charter school student is an Oregon public school student. Without question, every student—regardless of where they attend school—deserves the opportunity to thrive with the same access to resources, experienced educators, and robust programming available to their peers.

Oregon's current funding model results in public charter schools receiving roughly 80% of State School Grant funds, with limited access to district level revenue streams. As a result, public charter school students receive roughly \$.48 cents of every dollar compared to their public-school peers. This places a deleterious and inequitable financial burden on public charter schools.

Oregon students and communities receive valuable (often unique) benefits from public charter schools:

- * Focus on career and technical education (CTE), preparing students for high-demand jobs in technology, healthcare, and skilled trades.
- * Focus on innovative curriculum models, including STEM, arts, language immersion, and career-focused education.
- * Serving historically underserved student populations, including low-income students, students of color, and students with disabilities.

HB 3444 is a HUGE positive step toward closing the inequitable funding model. Please SUPPORT ALL OREGON STUDENTS by voting yes on HB 3444.

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