

Submitter: Patty Smith

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

Hello, my name is Patty, and my child goes to a public charter school. I chose to send my child to a public charter school for smaller class size, more individual attention, and the focus on developing the whole child (mind, body, and spirit through things my generation all got, like music class.)

Argument in support:

All public school students in Oregon deserve the same investment in their education, whether attending a public charter school or public district-run school.

Right now students in public charter schools receive 48% of the funding that their peers in district-run school receive.

Our state's founding and now outdated charter school legislation is not in line with our state's current priorities. It restricts funding for early education and intervention, as well as investment in our historically underserved communities.

Please refer HB 3444 to committee and support its passage!