

March 14, 2025

House Committee On Education
Oregon State Senate
900 Court St. NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the Committee:

As a teacher at an Oregon public charter school, I am writing today in **support of House Bill 3444. HB 3444.** Public charter school students are public school students, and it is past time to fund their education fairly.

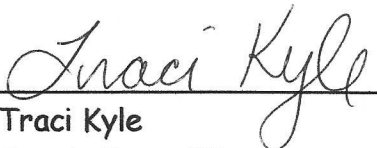
Before becoming a teacher at a charter school, I was a parent who home schooled my children with the support of charter schools. Those charter schools were in CA and WA. I received funding from those schools for extra school supplies as well as support at the school for classes that need a group setting in order to prove successful.

Please remember that each student is a human being that deserves the same amount of funding no matter where the student and family choose to get their education—whether a traditional public school, private school, charter school or home school.

Unfortunately, because of Oregon's current school funding model, public charter schools are significantly underfunded. Many buildings are old and in need of upgrades, students can't access transportation services, food security programs are limited, and schools lack essential school supplies and mental health resources. By passing HB 3444, you can fix this ongoing disparity and provide fair funding for public charter school students who deeply need it.

Please vote yes on HB 3444.

Thank you,


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