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On Behalf Of: Bend International School
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

I am a long time resident of bend, mental health practitioner and parent to a child in a charter school. We chose a charter school for the smaller population, increased sense of community and connection, and opportunities for exposure to language and culture not provided in other schools.

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Our state's founding and now outdated charter school legislation is not in line with our state's current priorities.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.

Ask that HB 3444 be referred to committee and that they support its passage.

Thank you,
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