

As a mother of two teenage boys, I chose a virtual public charter school because it fits their learning needs. Our children are being unfairly excluded from crucial Student Success Act funding. HB 2583 fixes this by providing equal access to resources while ensuring funds stay in Oregon's community-run schools. It's time to support all students. I will not put them in a brick-and-mortar school because those schools are unsuitable for my boys' education. It took me four years to find ORCA, and it has been the best thing that has happened to our family. Charter schools fill in the gaps that public schools don't provide. Most of these students have medical issues that prevent them from attending class outside their homes. As for mine, it is a medical issue, and the school in my community does not support special education students as they could. The charter school does, and they both have improved considerably in a short time. Please fund these types of schools, for they will help us strive for success in the future.