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HB2583

As an Oregon Educator for the past 27 years, the last seven years have served students and families choosing Baker Charter Schools across Oregon. This virtual charter public school provides better curriculum choices and access to higher quality free public educational opportunities to meet all students' needs than what can be found in a regular brick-and-mortar educational setting. These students deserve the same resources and funding that any other public school student receives within Oregon. Equity of funding and opportunities should be at the forefront for all our students receiving free public education through highly qualified certified educators. I strongly support HB 2583, which allows virtual public charter schools that do not provide educational services through a for-profit entity that contracts with the governing body of the virtual public charter school to be eligible for grants from the Student Investment Account.