

Submitter: Nicholas Sutherland  
On Behalf Of: Virtual Schools of Oregon  
Committee: House Committee On Education  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2583

Dear House Education Committee,

My name is Nicholas Sutherland and I live in Albany, OR. I am a virtual public charter school parent. I'm writing to express my concern about HB 2583. The bill doesn't go far enough. It continues to exclude virtual public charter schools like Cascade Virtual Academy, Insight School of Oregon and Destinations Career Academy from applying for Student Investment Act (SIA) grants. This would impact approximately 2000 students enrolled in these schools, including my two oldest children. All virtual public charter schools should be eligible to apply for SIA grants. It's unfair to exclude a handful of schools. I hope the committee will adopt the -1 amendment to expand SIA grant eligibility to ALL virtual public charter schools, so all Oregon students can succeed.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Sutherland  
Parent of two Cascade Virtual Academy Students  
Resident of Albany, OR