

My name is Jenny Fisher, and I am writing in support of SB 240 and raising the 3 percent enrollment cap on virtual schools. When Covid happened the local school district was not communicating at all what the structure was going to be happening with online school. Our family decided it would be in our best interest to take matters into our own hands and try an online charter school. Along with us, two other families also decided to go that route. We were the first to get all of our paperwork in and in fact got an enrolment letter from the school. The other families did not enroll until the next week and only then did we receive a letter of denial from our local school district saying the district met the 3 percent cap. The other two families received no denial letter and were enrolled into Oregon Charter Academy. This was very confusing due to the fact of us submitting the paperwork first and also getting an acceptance letter from the charter school and received a call from the teacher my son was supposed to have. There should not be a cap. You should be able to send your child where you want to send them. We feel like this was handled very wrong and the only reason we didn't make it was due to funding for our local schools and not the best welfare for families. Obviously, there is no constancy due to the other families getting in after we were denied due to 3 percent cap.