

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	9 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Clem, Dallum, Greenlick, Komp, Krummel, Lim, Roblan, Whisnant, Buckley
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	4/03, 4/12 (both Subcommittee on Education Innovation), 4/13, 4/24

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs school districts, education service districts, and public bodies to make available to public lists of vacant and unused buildings and portions of buildings that may be suitable for operation of public charter school. Directs that lists be provided to developing or operating public charter schools within 30 days of written request.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Importance of offering vacant public buildings for possible lease/sale to public charter schools
- Importance of not requiring school districts to lease/sell vacant buildings to public charter schools
- Facilities a key challenge for public charter schools
- Requirement for “good faith” negotiations between public bodies and public charter schools

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** The amendment clarifies that the good faith negotiations required of public bodies include negotiations with “public charter school or a charter governing body with an approved charter proposal” and not just “public charter school or a charter governing body with an approved charter,” about a “proposal for the lease, use or purchase of the space.” The amendment retains the statement in current law that “Nothing in this subsection requires the owner of a building on the list to sell or lease to a public charter school a building or any portion of a building.”

**BACKGROUND:** HB 3178-A is designed to direct school districts, education service districts, and other public bodies (defined in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 174.109 as state government bodies, local government bodies and special government bodies) to “make available to the public lists of vacant and unused public buildings and portions of buildings that may be suitable for the operation of a public charter school.” The law currently requires only education service districts “to the extent such information is reasonably available” to make available to the public such lists, based on input from school districts. HB 3178-A would require that the lists “be provided to developing or operating public charter schools within 30 days of a written request.”