

**REVENUE: No revenue impact**

**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued**

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 0 - 3
<b>Yeas:</b>	Clem, Dallum, Komp, Lim, Roblan, Buckley
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	Greenlick, Krummel, Whisnant
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Derrick Olsen, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/09, 5/18

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires public charter schools operated by school districts to be nonprofit organizations. Requires all new or existing public charter schools that are operated by schools districts meet this requirement if they open or renew charters after July 1, 2007. Exempts one-school districts and schools in remote and necessary school districts. Requires public charter school administrators to register with Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC). Authorizes TSPC to suspend or revoke the registration of a public charter school teacher or administrator based on criteria in Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 342.175. Adds ORS 657 (Unemployment Insurance) to the list of laws that apply to public charter schools. Declares emergency, takes effect July 1, 2007.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Department of Education's request for the bill as a technical fix resulting from a court case
- Bill does not affect any current public charter schools
- Exemption for school district with only one school; definition of a school district with only one school
- Amendment to exempt schools in small and necessary school districts
- Federal funds for public charter schools
- Amendment to require public charter school administrators to register with Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Adds Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 657 (Employment Department Law on Unemployment Insurance) to the list of laws that apply to public charter schools, correcting a technical oversight; exempts schools in remote and necessary school districts from nonprofit requirement in bill; requires that administrators in public charter schools be licensed or registered to administer by the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC); adds public charter school administrator registry; allows TSPC to charge \$75 fee for administrators for registration or renewal of registration; allows TSPC to require that public charter school teachers and administrators furnish evidence of good moral character, mental and physical health, and other evidence the TSPC deems necessary (similar to existing provision for teachers and administrators in public schools); directs TSPC to not register a public charter school administrator if they have been convicted of a range of crimes listed in ORS 342.143; authorizes TSPC to suspend or revoke the registration of a public charter school teacher or administrator based on criteria in ORS 342.175; requires the TSPC to notify the public charter school employing a teacher or administrator subject to a hearing; restricts students of public charter school employing a person subject to a hearing from attending a hearing except as witnesses (similar to existing provision for students of public schools); and authorizes TSPC to require the fingerprints of a public charter school administrator requesting registration.

**BACKGROUND:** A charter school is a public school that operates under a written agreement, a charter, which outlines student performance goals and the educational services of the school. Charter schools operate independently of most laws and rules that govern public school. The Senate Education and General Government Committee gave SB 214-A a Do Pass as Amended recommendation with a 5-0-0 vote, and it passed the Senate 26-1-3.

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