

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Bonamici, George, Morse, Shields, Hass
<b>Nays:</b>	0
<b>Exc.:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/15

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Modifies contents of and process for proposal to establish public charter school. Modifies processes for renewal and termination of charter for public charter school. Clarifies list of laws that apply to public charter schools.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Ten-Year Charter Review Committee topics of discussion and consensus reached
- Application and renewal processes
- Consistency of references in laws
- High-risk and at-risk students in charter system
- Measurements and comparisons between charter and district schools

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Senate Bill 100 was enacted in 1999, allowing public charter schools in Oregon. Currently, the state has over 100 charter schools, serving approximately 18,000 students. This represents six percent of the schools in the state and three percent of Oregon's students.

Since January 2010, the Charter Review Committee, representing public schools, charter schools, Department of Education (ODE), the Legislature, education associations, parents, teachers, and other educational partners, examined how the law is working and discussed needed changes. The study explored gray areas in implementing the charter school law and challenges that have arisen between charter schools and school districts. Senate Bill 255 reflects the review committee recommendations designed to amend sections of the current charter school law to clarify procedures and resolve conflict of interest issues.

The following consensus recommendations are contained in Senate Bill 255: Prohibits board member from serving on both a charter school board and the sponsoring school district board; requires understanding of standards of conduct and liabilities of a non-profit organization, if organized as such; modifies timelines for submission and completion of charter school application; clarifies appeals process and timelines if district rejects a charter school proposal, allowing appeal to ODE; limits DOE review to the proposal process, criteria, completeness and reasons for denial; list laws that apply to public charter schools to give notice of applicable laws, without adding new requirements.

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