

My Name is Ken Woody and I am here to speak against Senate Bill 508. I am the director of West Lane Technical Learning Center, a **Non-Profit** public charter high school located in Elmira, Oregon. Our school offers core online classes towards a state-certified diploma, along with technical classes in auto/electric vehicle. We have up to 120 students (the majority “at-risk”), with two Highly Qualified Teachers in six different subject areas and a shop teacher qualified in two more. We have a bricks-and-mortar classroom near the campus of Elmira High School which all our students are required to attend periodically and where 20% attend daily. We are classified a “hybrid” charter school by the State of Oregon. We serve students from 14 different school districts, most of them in Lane County.

Senate Bill 508 would cause our school to be closed down. Provisions of the bill require at least 250 students enrolled at less than full-time status, among other requirements. We were not established to be that type of school. The intent of this bill seems to be against large, **For-Profit Virtual schools** that may be currently taking advantage of Oregon’s state student funding process.

I wish to stress that schools like ours, the Clackamas Web Academy and the Gresham-Barlow Web Academy, are **Non-Profit Hybrid** schools that are close partners with their sponsoring districts and not monolithic profit-generating operations. If you are serious in supporting the Governor’s 40-40-20 plan, you should not eliminate a viable option for at risk students having a chance of meeting those goals. Senate Bill 508 is bad for our students who fall behind in traditional schools; many would simply drop out. Please make the necessary distinction between **non-profit schools like ours** and those who this legislation is directed towards. My students and I thank you for your time and consideration.

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