



From the desk of
Rep. Chris Gotsek

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Gotsek", written over a circular scribble.

**PLEASE CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENT TO
HB 2150B
A CONSENSUS-BASED UPDATE OF OREGON'S CHARTER SCHOOL LAW**

OEA was pleased to participate in the 2010 interim on a 10-year charter review committee, which was composed of legislators and advocates from all facets of charter schools – board members, parents, administrators, teachers, advocates, and more.

We worked together over many months to craft a consensus bill that would revise timelines, clarify accountability, and ensure an appropriate appeal process for applicants. That bill did not survive the 2011 session, and so, with some revisions to update the package with 2011 changes, HB 2150 was brought forward to try again to improve the process for all concerned.

OEA supports HB 2150B, which was further refined in both the House and Senate education committees. We ask you to consider it as a series of agreements among the parties who work daily with the charter school law in our public education system. We especially support a section of the bill that clarifies the statutory provisions with which charter schools must comply.

HB 2150B will help charter applicants navigate with clarity the rules and processes of the state and districts. It will help charter schools and sponsoring districts comply with ethics and conflict-of-interest considerations. It will guide charter operators in the laws to which the State of Oregon holds them accountable. And while all these mechanics are important, it should also be said that it ensures that high-quality charter schools have certainty and clarity to move forward in their work to offer Oregon students the quality of learning experience they and their parents seek.

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MODEST UPDATE TO OREGON'S SUCCESSFUL CHARTER SCHOOL LAW.