

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
<b>Vote:</b>	6 - 2 - 1
<b>Yeas:</b>	Fagan, Gomberg, Gorsek, Huffman, Reardon, Gelser
<b>Nays:</b>	Parrish, Whisnant
<b>Exc.:</b>	Sprenger
<b>Prepared By:</b>	Rick Berkobien, Administrator
<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	3/22, 4/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows school district board to place limitations on the number of proposals for public charter schools it will evaluate if more than three percent of students who reside in the district are enrolled in charter schools; and there are three or more charter schools in district. Specifies when calculating three percent, school district board will not include students who are not required to attend school full-time. Requires school district board to determine whether to place limitations on proposals on an annual basis. Requires “advancement of educational goal” to be an element of charter, included in a proposal, and grounds for termination if reasonable progress is not made. Specifies school district board’s determination of whether a proposal for charter advances educational goal and whether reasonable progress toward advancement of educational goal is a final decision not subject to appeal. Requires public charter school sponsored by State Board of Education to submit request for change of sponsorship to school district board in district where charter school is located in specified circumstances. Requires district school board that receives written proposal from an applicant seeking to establish public charter school to conduct public hearing and make good faith evaluation.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Achievement gaps
- Version of amendments
- 1999 charter law
- Multiple authorizers

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Requires district school board that receives written proposal from an applicant seeking to establish public charter school to conduct public hearing and make good faith evaluation. Allows limitation to be placed on number of evaluations if more than three percent of students in district are enrolled in public charter school; and there are three or more charter schools in district.

**BACKGROUND:** Any person, or group of persons, may apply to be a public charter school. The potential sponsor reviews the charter proposal, in accordance with ORS 338.055. If approved, a charter contract is executed by the authorizer and the governing board of the charter school. The charter school governing board may contract with a for-profit organization for services; however, the charter school board must retain control of governmental functions, and a for-profit may not be party to a public charter school contract. Oregon’s charter school law prohibits private school conversion. ORS 338.045 defines the minimum information required in each charter school proposal.