

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Komp  
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Edwards

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

**Fiscal:** Fiscal statement issued

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**Action:** Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and as Printed B-Engrossed

**Vote:** 16 – 7 – 3

House

Yeas: Barker, Buckley, Frederick, Huffman, Jenson, Komp, Nathanson, Read, Smith, Williamson

Nays: Freeman, Hanna, Richardson

Exc: McLane, Tomei

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Devlin, Edwards, Girod, Monroe, Steiner Hayward

Nays: Hansell, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

Exc: Johnson

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**Meeting Date:** June 12, 2013

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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. 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 towards 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.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Effects of the power of the school board to deny
- Appeal process

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Removes language concerning State Board of Education sponsored charter schools submitting a request for change of sponsorship to the school district board of the school district in which the charter school is located.

**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.