



April 7, 2015

Re: SB 819, HR C: Senate Committee on Education

Chair Roblan, members of the Committee: Thank you and I appreciate you holding the hearing on SB 819 and SB 820. For the record, I am State Representative Betty Komp, representing House District 22, Woodburn, Gervais and North Salem.

SB 819 supports our Oregon students in public charter schools:

- Ensures equitable funding
- Oregon public charter schools in 2012-2013 received 42% less funding per student basis than their district-run counterparts
- SB 819 would remedy this disparity by merely shifting less than 1% of the state K-12 budget to follow the students for whom they are intended.

SB 820 would aid in charter school diversity in student demographics through a “weighted lottery”

- By creating a “weighted lottery”, it would put all requested students name “in the hat” two or three times instead of just once during the school year
- This increases the odds of historically underserved students gaining admission to our public charter schools
- The policy is used in other states to aid historically underserved students

The combination of these bills will help our public charter school students with more fair and equitable policies.

Thank you for your time today.