

HB 3045

Removes requirement that school district transfer moneys to other school district for student who attends public charter school in school district and is resident of other school district.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, under ORS 338.155(5), when a student attends a public charter school (the school) **located outside that student's resident district**, the school district in which the school is located, "shall transfer an amount equal to the per weighted average daily membership (ADMw) of the public charter school that is **equal to 50 percent of the amount** of the school district's General Purpose Grant per ADMw."

House Bill 3045 removes that requirement. Other similar requirements for public charter schools sponsored by the Department of Education or by an institution of higher education are unaffected.

DE MINIMIS ...

House Bill 3045 removes the requirement that school districts transfer moneys **left over** after funds have passed through to a charter school.

The **amount of moneys** is generally *de minimus in value* and the *administrative burden in managing the transfer of moneys is significant*.

Definition of *DE MINIMIS*:

“lacking significance or importance : so minor as to merit disregard”

What we Agree with...

Having monies going back to an out of district students resident district, which has no oversight responsibility to the public charter school in another district makes NO sense and needs to end.

School Districts that sponsor Public Charter Schools currently have developed mechanisms to manage such transfer of monies.

Sponsoring school districts have been providing oversight of their public charter schools using the current amount of funding provided by ORS.

Where we disagree...

These dollars are NOT “*de minimus in value*” to those out of district students and the public charter schools functioning on 80% funding.

Public Charter Schools consider every dollar valuable and critical, therefore I would ask that Senate Education Committee amend HB 3045 to send these dollars back to the public charter school –

Not the resident district

Not the sponsoring district

Reasoning...

*The resident school district should not have been receiving it to begin with and are **not arguing against such change**.*

*The sponsoring district would simply increase their own revenues, without being required by ORS to increase any kinds of service and in fact by their own argument it would reduce the **administrative burden** in managing the transfer of moneys.*

As a public charter school, we are required to report the number of in-district and out of districts students (and where they are from) each month, therefore we are currently assisting in this administrative burden. So instead, simply return those dollars to the public charter school where those students are attending.

Eugene 4j School District:

Coburg Community Charter School (Public Charter School)
Breakdown of the 20% = In-District Vs. Out of District

2014-15	Charter School Rate	KG (only .5 ADMr)	1st-8th	Total
Out of District - ADMr		6	35	41
Projected Charter School ADMr X Out of District ADMr	\$6,879	\$20,637	\$240,765	\$261,402
20% Sponsor District	(Annually)	\$4,127	\$48,153	\$52,280
Eugene 4j School District's 1/2 (of the 20%)	(Annually)	\$2,064	\$24,077	\$26,140
Out of Districts 1/2 (of the 20%)	(Annually)	\$2,064	\$24,077	\$26,140

10% - Retained by Eugene 4j from Out of District Students
10% - Sent back to Other School Districts for **Out of District** Students

2014-15	Charter School Rate	KG (only .5)	1st-8th	Total
In District - ADMr		19	164	183
Projected Charter School ADMr X Out of District ADMr	\$6,879	\$65,351	\$1,128,156	\$1,193,507
20% Sponsor District	(Annually)	\$13,070	\$225,631	\$238,701

20% - Retained by Eugene 4j for All In-District Students

2014-15			Additional Weights	
20% of the Additional Weights for SIA	\$6,879		39.13	\$53,835
(ESL, Poverty, Remote School, etc.)				

20% - Retained by Eugene 4j for In-District Students

Overall Summary of the 20%

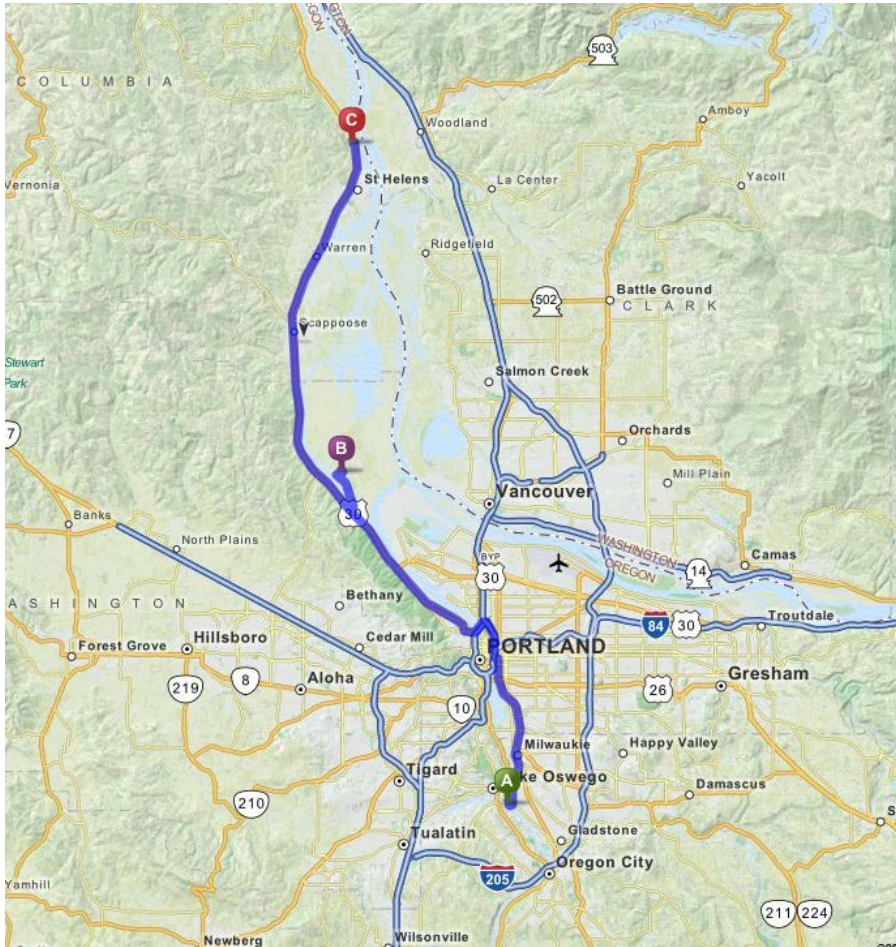
\$318,677	Eugene 4j Revenue from their Charter School
\$26,140	Out of District's Revenue from the Eugene 4j Charter School
\$344,817	20% of the Charter School's State School Funds

Impact ...

Scappoose School District:
 Sauvie Island Academy (Public Charter School)
 Breakdown of the 20% = In-District Vs. Out of District

2014-15	Charter School Rate	KG (only .5 ADMr)	1st-8th	Total		
Out of District - ADMr					60	
Projected Charter School ADMr X Out of District ADMr	\$6,879	\$6,879	\$398,982	\$405,861		
20% Sponsor District	(Annually)	\$1,376	\$79,796	\$81,172		
Scappoose School District's 1/2 (of the 20%)	(Annually)	\$688	\$39,898	\$40,586	10% - Retained by Scappoose from Out of District Students	
Out of Districts 1/2 (of the 20%)	(Annually)	\$688	\$39,898	\$40,586	10% - Sent back to Other School Districts for Out of District Students	
2014-15 Charter School Rate					Total	
In District - ADMr					151	
Projected Charter School ADMr X Out of District ADMr	\$6,879	\$75,669	\$887,391	\$963,060		
20% Sponsor District	(Annually)	\$15,134	\$177,478	\$192,612	20% - Retained by Scappoose for All In-District Students	
2014-15 Additional Weights						
20% of the Additional Weights for SIA (ESL, Poverty, Remote School, etc.)	\$6,879		39.13	\$53,835	20% - Retained by Scappoose for In-District Students	
				Overall Summary of the 20%		
				\$287,033	Scappoose Revenue from their Charter School	
				\$40,586	Out of District's Revenue from the Scappoose Charter School	
				\$327,619	20% of the Charter School's State School Funds	

With \$40,586 a year..... We Could:



(A) – SE Portland

(B) – Sauvie Island Academy

(C) – Columbia City

With a \$40,586 we could extend our shuttle buses South into Portland and North into St. Helens, for out of district students!

With \$40,586 a year..... We Could:

On Sauvie Island there is no Fiber for internet. Therefore, we currently have (6) T-1's which gets us 9meg (a step above dial-up) for \$3,600 per month or \$43,200 a year.

With \$40,586 we could afford additional options to increase our bandwidth and SIA students would not have had to start the SMARTER Balance test before Spring Break. We would be able to test more kids at the same time and start much later in the year, but as it is we will test every week until the end of the year.

With \$40,586 a year..... We Could:

Make a difference!

Adding \$40,586 to the SIA \$1,550,187 Budget, which is 2.62% of our budget.

Adding \$40,586 dollars to our Sponsoring Districts Budget of \$20,293,383, which is 0.19% of their budget.

These dollars are real and could make a real impact if they were returned to the Public Charter School. They are significant. These dollars are not ***DE MINIMIS*** as some proponents of this bill would like you to believe.

What you can do:

I am here today asking you the Senate Education Committee to amend HB 3045.

Amend the bill so in order to return the out of district dollars to the Public Charter School.

This is how you could make a difference!