

To the Members of the House Education Committee:

My name is Ty and I am writing to ask you to please support SB709 and pass this bill out of committee today. I was unable to make it to Salem to testify in support of this bill but I did watch the recorded hearing later. I saw that there was someone who testified and asked why action needs to be taken now on this bill instead of waiting until a special session. Right now my life is basically on hold waiting for this bill to pass so that the school district has the clarification and tools they need to give me priority should they open any spaces for inter-district transfers.

I have attended school in my neighboring school district since kindergarten...9 years. In that time I have made many connections with the community and I spend most of my time there. Currently I am not able to forecast for high school and I don't know whether it makes sense to sign up for summer enrichment opportunities, camps and trainings because of the uncertainty of whether I will be allowed to continue my education in the district where I have always gone to school. I am very anxious and it is very stressful. Please pass this bill to give local school districts the choice of whether to allow their long term charter students to finish their schooling in the district.

I can't imagine not going to school with my friends and in the community where I have grown up.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Ty Vohland