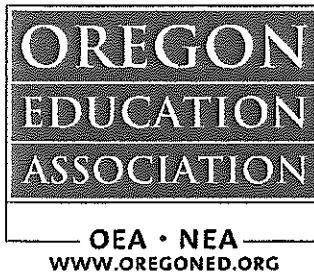


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## **PLEASE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 2150B**

Our 43,000 educators urge you to support HB 2150, which will correct an unfortunate set of technical problems with State School Fund distributions.

HB 2150 responds to two different problems with the way school districts are funded with respect to the charter schools they sponsor. One problem is the confluence of the "extended" ADMw rule (allowing districts with loss of students to take the higher of two years' enrollment in funding calculations) and the cessation of a charter school. In a recent case, some 3600 students would essentially be double-counted and double-paid because of the interaction of these two provisions. That is, a sponsoring district that breaks with a charter may still be paid for a year for those students, even though an equal amount of funding would also go, in the same year, to the new sponsor district. This is an inefficient and needlessly costly unintended consequence that is fixed by this bill.

A second problem fixed by this bill is a counting problem introduced by a bill that was a part of a 14-bill package pushed through the 2011 Legislative Session that caused further fiscal distortions in school districts with charter schools by separately calculating the extended ADMw for charter students and the rest of the sponsoring district.

Because the problems that gave rise to the bill require immediate action, HB 2150B will take effect July 1 of this year.

We are very grateful that a bipartisan group of legislators and advocates worked hard on the language of this bill. We have been involved in the crafting of a solution for more than a year, and it is great to see this bill finally make it through the process to fix what may best be called fiscal leakage issues.

We see this as a good-government, common-sense bill that helps to ensure that school resources are invested appropriately and based on sensible allocation policy. Thank you in advance for your support.