

My name is Carrie Hargrove writing as a private citizen in Representative Greg Baretto's District. I have lived in Cove for 9 ½ years and have lived in Oregon all of my life. I am incredibly blessed to teach for a virtual school in Oregon and am currently in my tenth year of teaching at the school.

I became a teacher because I love kids with all of my heart. I want them to succeed in life, develop a love for learning, and know their value. I want them to dream big dreams and accomplish great things. The virtual school I teach for has those same goals. We love kids and we help kids. We help students with serious health issues, learning issues, students who were bullied in school and need to improve their self-esteem, and students who are high achieving and need a challenge. Our school works because we are data driven. We see where students are excelling and where they need help and offer the help they need. We see each child as an individual with different learning styles, personalities, strengths, and weaknesses. The #1 reason our students experience success is because it is a team effort. The student, parents, and teacher all are invested. I believe that there are more pressing issues in education that should be the focus and we should not try to fix something that is not broken. I wish everyone could hear and see the wonderful success stories that I have witnessed while working in the virtual school. I would only teach for a school that I believe in and that is why I have stayed. Please discontinue this bill and focus on those things which are truly broken and need fixed.