

SB 209 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Allows for-profit entities that provide educational services for virtual charter schools to employ school staff if the employee is an administrator with no teaching responsibilities and the executive officer of the sponsor and the charter school governing body approve employment by the for-profit entity. Approval may be granted for all employees of the for-profit entity who are administrators with no teaching responsibilities, based on the job categories of certain employees, or on a case-by-case basis.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Oregon Virtual Academy
- Administrators' role
- K-12, Inc.
- Legislative history
- Conflicts of interest
- Role of board
- School leadership

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 3093 (2013) sunset the prohibition on for-profit entities employing charter school staff on July 1, 2018. Senate Bill 209 removes the sunset. The bill's passage in 2013 related to an employment situation specific to Oregon Virtual Academy (ORVA). ORVA is an online school operated by K-12, Inc., a for-profit educational company that provides online education services and curricula in 33 states and the District of Columbia. In its 2016 annual report, the company reported revenue exceeding \$872 million.