

*Deb Mayer*

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*SB 1520 - Section 28 &29*

*I am seeking an amendment to remove sections 28 and 29.*

*K-12, Inc., the for-profit online corporation that contracts with the North Bend School District via a nonprofit to run their online program, got a provision about 8 years ago allowing the corporation, rather than the nonprofit virtual school, to be the employer of record b/c they already had a guy in their employ. This is otherwise disallowed under Oregon law. The employee in question is gone, but now the for-profit wants the right forever. Principals hire, fire, evaluate, mentor, and train licensed teachers. Allowing this situation to continue indefinitely could set a precedent to allow other schools to apply for and receive such a waiver. It is an inappropriate use of public dollars for "public schools" to essentially be run by for-profit corporations, so I oppose it.*