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Chair Roblan and Committee members,

I am a parent with three children in Oregon public schools and I am testifying in opposition to Section 28 and 29 of Senate Bill 1520, which would allow even looser oversight on virtual public charter schools. Oregon for-profit virtual charters already have low graduation, test participation rates and high drop out, test failure rates (see attachment). Rewarding for-profit entities for failure is a poor return on investment (ROI) and increases risk for abuse, as seen in other states. Further privatization weakens public education and our democratic republic. Please amend SB1520 and maintain the sunset provision.

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