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Oregon State Senators, Representatives, and Governor Kate Brown,

Oregon Digital Leaders Coalition is a collaborative group of school leaders representing the majority of virtual charter schools in Oregon. We work as a team to advocate and promote quality online education in Oregon. Today we are writing in regards to LC 76 for the special session. Our organization stands for quality and putting our families first. The bill, in its current form, would give the potential for 32,600 students to move from brick and mortar schools for one year into virtual schools and back the next year. **As written we do not support this bill. This would be chaotic for families, virtual schools, and brick and mortar districts.**

Please consider a revision to allow up to 8% for the 20/21 school year and 5% thereafter. We were going to hit the 3% cap in the 20/21 or 21/22 school year without the impact of COVID-19. While COVID-19 has shifted the timeline forward, the point is clear that Oregon families want access to virtual schools. *This is a more balanced approach that creates a plan for the current demand and a more long term solution.*

During this time our families need stability, reliable education, and somewhat predictable outcomes for what their children's schooling will look like. Please consider a revision to go back to 5% or allow students who enroll during this time to stay if they choose.

Dr. Daniel Huld Superintendent of Baker Charter Schools President of ODLC

Schools Represented in this communication: Baker Web Academy, Baker Early College, Clackamas Web Academy, Metro East Web Academy, Oregon Virtual Academy, Oregon Charter Academy (Oregon Connections Academy), Silvies River Charter School, Frontier Charter Academy, Summit Learning Charter, and Sheridan AllPrep Academy.