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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 75 for the special session. Our organization stands for quality and putting our families first. Currently, as it is written we support this modest increase over LC 76 calling for a drastic change.

While we would hope for a long term solution to virtual school demands, we believe this current bill offers a reasonable solution. 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. We truly believe the long term solution of a 5% cap is better than just the 0.5% increase. However, allowing some families to enroll and gradually get back to 3% is a more sensible solution than rapid shifts in large percentages of students.

During this time our families need stability, reliable education, and somewhat predictable outcomes for what their children's schooling will look like. **Solutions for this current demand should take long term perspectives to the increasing demand for virtual schools, while not causing massive shifts of students over a short period of time.**

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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), Silvie's River Charter School, Frontier Charter Academy, Summit Learning Charter, and Sheridan AllPrep Academy.