

We support SB 240 because it creates more education options for families.

Virtual charter schools give parents more choices for meeting their children's academic needs. In response to the pandemic and recent changes in local public schools, there has been an increased interest in virtual charter schools. Currently, school districts can deny a parents' request to transfer their child to an out-of-district virtual charter if more than 3% of the district's students attend the charter. Over 30 school districts throughout Oregon are currently limited by this cap.

Oregon Senate Bill 240 would remove the requirement to get district approval to allow a student to attend a virtual public charter school, essentially removing the current 3% cap on virtual charter school enrollments. Students would be able to attend out-of-district virtual charter schools, as long as there is space available in the virtual charter.

Expanding educational options within the public school system is a win for our students. We urge you to please vote in favor of SB 240.