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Director of the Department of Education

TO: Chair Dembrow & Members of the Senate Education Committee

DATE: Feb 14, 2023

FROM: Zoe Larmer, Government Relations Director

RE: Question posed around charter schools / SB 767

Chair Dembrow and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to share more information on charter schools, as posed during the hearing on Senate Bill 767. We are more than happy to continue providing information to you on our work and look forward to our continued partnership on behalf of all Oregon students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you need further clarification.

With gratitude,
Zoe Larmer

Question: Can a small school district sponsor a public charter school and receive the percentage of the charter school's SSF while the charter school locates campuses in other districts but not in a way that the sponsor loses enrollment?

Response:

Virtual public charter schools currently do this. Currently, there are no examples of this happening with non-virtual charter schools in Oregon, but it is possible with ORS 332.158 as currently written.