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I am an OR certified K-12 teacher who worked in schools for many years. I am familiar with several charter schools which were started by teachers and/or parents in their own districts which makes sense. Currently, I live in a small, rural district that is has been asked to sponsor an out-of-state based charter school proposal. This was not sought out by or created by the local district. The proposers want to establish "one or more satellite campuses outside of the District". This is disturbing to me. What town decides what is happening in another town for any reason (landfills, shopping malls, hospitals, anything...)? One district's school board should not be making a potentially profound impact on another district without that district having a choice to permit or deny a new brick and mortar public charter school within its district boundaries. I wholeheartedly support SB 767 and its intent to give districts authority to accept or reject hosting a school facility that is sponsored by another district within its boundaries. Thank you.