

To the Honorable Members of the Oregon House Committee on Education,

I am writing to express my support for House Bill 4161, which will greatly benefit students and families in our state by allowing school choice. This bill not only reduces the cap on students who can attend a virtual public charter school, but also allows students from other districts to attend schools in different districts. Additionally, HB4161 provides students with education savings accounts to use for educational expenses.

School choice is essential for ensuring that all students have access to the best possible education, regardless of their zip code or socioeconomic status. By allowing students to attend schools outside of their district, we can ensure that they are not limited by the resources and quality of their local schools. This bill also promotes competition among schools, which will ultimately lead to an increase in the quality of education across the board.

Furthermore, the establishment of education savings accounts is a crucial step in empowering families to make the best educational decisions for their children. These accounts will provide families with the financial flexibility to choose the educational options that best suit their child's needs, whether that be a traditional public school, a charter school, or even a private school.

In conclusion, I urge the members of the Oregon House Committee on Education to support House Bill 4161. This bill will greatly benefit students and families in our state by providing them with the opportunity to access the best possible education. Thank you for your consideration.