

HB 2583 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Education

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure makes virtual public charter schools that do not contract with a for-profit education management company and that meet existing student demographic requirements eligible for Student Investment Account funds. It also modifies the calculation of school districts' weighted average daily membership for Student Investment Account grants to remove only those students who attend virtual public charter schools that are managed by for-profit entities. It applies these changes to the 2025-2026 school year, declares an emergency, and takes effect on passage.

Fiscal impact: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued

Revenue impact: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Needs of virtual charter school students
- Benefits of SIA funding for virtual charter schools
- Uses of SIA funds in virtual charter schools
- Impact to brick-and-mortar schools, school districts of making this change
- Potential work group to review charter school laws

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces the measure. The amendment allows all virtual public charter schools that meet existing demographic requirements to receive Student Investment Account grants. It also modifies the calculation of weighted average daily membership for a school district for the purpose of the Student Investment Account grants to include all virtual public charter school students. It applies these changes to the 2025-2026 school year, declares an emergency, and takes effect on passage.

BACKGROUND:

The [Student Success Act, enacted in 2019](#), created a grant program for school districts funded by a corporate activity tax. Virtual public charter schools were excluded from eligibility for grants under the original provisions of the Act. Eligible grantees include school districts, education service districts, and brick-and-mortar public charter schools that meet certain demographic requirements. The Oregon Department of Education's [most recent report](#) indicates that grantees were allocated a total of \$532,558,921 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.