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I support this bill because it attempts to more closely align the funding of charter schools with the benefit they provide to the student. I feel that our district passes too little of the funding they receive along to our charter school. I also feel that the public benefits a great deal from charter schools and there is great demand for the exceptional education opportunity they provide. These factors pose an existential threat to the traditional education model our district stubbornly adheres to. I believe that our district intentionally underfunds charter schools because they don't really want them to thrive. I think the district feels like a win for charter schools is a loss for them but education isn't a net-zero proposition. A thriving charter school system is a win for everyone in the district. Please support this bill in order to more fairly fund our charter schools and prevent districts from choking out charter schools for their own selfish goals.