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I am writing in support of HB 3444. My daughter attends Cannon Beach Academy, our local charter school. As someone who grew up in the Oregon public school system, I was shocked at the lack of funding (or discrepancy of funding compared to public schools) that charter schools receive. CBA is understaffed and underfunded. We currently have a tarp on the roof to stop a leak that has been there since last year. There is no staff member charged with seasonal maintenance like cleaning gutters etc. This falls on the shoulders of parent volunteers, as do many other tasks. When we had a field trip this fall that required driving about 1 hour from the school, we had probably 12 cars full of kids driven by parents when 1 short school bus would have done the job, and been much safer. Charter schools are vital to our education system, especially in smaller, more rural areas. Thank you.