



OREGON COALITION OF COMMUNITY CHARTER SCHOOLS

Overview of Oregon House Bill 3444 (Introduced - 2025 Session)

House Bill 3444, introduced in the 83rd Oregon Legislative Assembly (2025 Regular Session) and sponsored by Representative Wright, proposes significant modifications to public charter school funding in Oregon.

Key Provisions:

1. Increased Funding for Charter Schools
 - Requires school districts to allocate a higher percentage of State School Fund money to public charter schools (95% for all charter schools).
 - Ensures public charter schools receive federal, state, and local funding on the same basis as non-chartered public schools.
2. Transportation Costs Equity
 - Recognizes transportation costs incurred by public charter schools as equivalent to district school transportation costs for funding purposes.

Implications:

- Financially Benefits Public Charter Schools: Ensures equitable funding distribution compared to traditional public schools.
- Potentially Higher Costs for School Districts: Districts may redistribute funds to comply with new requirements.
- Expanded Educational Choice: Could encourage growth in charter school enrollment due to increased funding and resource parity.