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Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

Stop funding FOR PROFIT Oregon virtual charter schools . The money needs to go back to local districts where nonprofit charters can operate. The for-profit charters are adding to our increasing dropout rate. If you take time to look at the states that are not allowing FOR PROFIT virtual charters to operate like New York and West Virginia they have graduation rates in the 80% definitely a correlation. There is nothing good I can find about these for profit schools! I've been doing some intensive research and everything that they say about them is true! I work for one and I can tell you that first hand.

Stop the abuse of state ADM money/ it is going to the corporation back in Virginia at least that is true for all the k12 inc. schools (there are three operating in Oregon currently). They are now also tapping into our Measure 98 money. My position is retention specialist funded by measure 98. I do nothing but track the 660 kids that have been withdrawn since September. I am not trying to get them back on track or help them graduate - I just use a spreadsheet to track them and make sure they enroll somewhere so we can keep our charter and continue to steal money from ODE. Please stop allowing these business to operate schools in Oregon! Our students deserve better-

We even had some teachers employed with revoked licenses. Stop giving them money ! Our head of school lives in Nevada and is running other corporate virtual charters in other states too. We have taken in 9 million dollars since September in ADM money! 4 million went back to the corporation and our non profit board tried to get away from them but they have a clause in the contract making it impossible- Oregon deserves better cut the chord on these parasites!

We cannot increase positive educational outcomes without appropriate funding. To start, we need the State School Fund to be funded at the level recommended by the Governor at \$8.97 billion. This level of funding will allow us to just maintain what we have already. Without funding at the \$8.97 level, school districts will have to begin sending layoff notices in March and start planning cuts to staffing, programs and school days for 2019-20. Without funding at the \$8.97 billion level, it's hard to begin the conversation about the additional investments we need to lower our class sizes, increase our graduation rates, and expand career and technical education.

We need your help to make sure our students and schools get the resources they need. Please fund the K-12 State School Fund at the Governor's Recommended Budget level of \$8.97 billion.

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