

Legislative Landscape for Public Charter Schools

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2023 Legislation, with charter implications

- HB 5015: SSF legislation, \$10.2 billion investment in the K-12 State School Fund
- HB 3198: Early Literacy Success Initiative, effort to ensure every Oregon student receives the most effective reading instruction in Oregon classrooms.
- SB 819: Implements instructional hours requirements for students with disabilities
- Course requirements:
 - SB 3: one half-credit of higher education and career path skills and one half-credit of personal financial education as requirements for a high school diploma
 - HB 2905: academic content standards for history, geography, economics, and civics include instruction on individuals of Jewish descent

Brian Gentry

2023 Legislation, with charter implications

- HB 2281: Requires charter schools to designate a civil rights coordinator (Jan 2024)
- HB 3204: Changes timelines and requirements for virtual public charter school enrollment and appeals
- SB 767: Established procedures for public charter schools to open facilities outside their sponsoring districts

Short Legislative Session 2024

Operational Considerations

- Short session *intended* to be focused on budget and “fix” legislation
- Bill introduction limits:
 - Individual legislators allowed to introduce 2 pieces of legislation
 - Policy committees allowed to introduce 3 committee bills
 - Senate President and House Speaker have are unlimited in their number of bill introductions
- New House Minority Leadership team, Rep. Jeff Helfrich newly elected House Minority Leader
- All currently declared statewide office candidates plan to remain in their legislative seats through the short session (***very unusual***)

Turnover in the Oregon Legislature

Version 2024

Subject to M113 Ruling

Sen. Daniel Bonham
Sen. Brian Boquist*
Sen. Lynn Findley
Sen. Frank Girod
Sen. Bill Hansell**
Sen. Tim Knopp
Sen. Dennis Linthicum
Sen. Art Robinson
Sen. Kim Thatcher
Sen. Suzanne Weber

Retirements/Resignations

Rep. Lily Morgan
Sen. Bill Hansell
Sen. Michael Dembrow

Running for Other Office

Rep. Janelle Bynum : US Congress
Rep. Maxine Dexter: US Congress
Rep. Dan Rayfield : OR Attorney General
Sen. James Manning : OR Secretary of State
Sen. Elizabeth Steiner: OR Treasurer

Senate Elections 2024

Sen. Dick Anderson
Sen. David Brock Smith
Sen. Wlnvsey Campos
Sen. Lew Fredrick
Sen. Chris Gorsek
Sen. Kate Lieber
Sen. Kathleen Taylor

Elections 2024: Implications for 2025 Legislative Session and Charter Schools

- Electoral outcomes
 - Super majority?
 - Balanced legislator?
 - Potential loss of historical knowledge
 - Educational, relationship building opportunities
- Ballot Measures
 - [IRR 29](#)
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- Portland Public School teacher strike

Thank you