



Advocates for Public Education Policy strongly supports HB24-1363, Charter School Accountability. It's been 30 years since the passage of the original charter school law, and we now have evidence that the law needs some changes. HB24-1363 will bring more transparency about what is happening at charter schools and hold them more accountable. We are asking for your support.

This bill will significantly support local school boards. They will have *enhanced control* on issues that affect their communities regarding charter schools:

- Assurance that charter applications meet an unmet need for students in their districts.
- Authority for the full approval process for charter school applications and appeals.
- Flexibility in addressing declining enrollment when considering new schools.
- The ability to negotiate for charter school use of buildings and land.
- The opportunity to determine all waivers granted in charter school contracts.

The bill will allow families to have *more involvement* and gain *increased knowledge* regarding the charter schools in their districts on:

- The backgrounds of charter school board members.
- All sources of funding, including gifts, grants, donations, and fundraising.
- What charter schools spend their funds on, including marketing expenditures.
- What resources charter schools use to meet special education needs.
- Teacher and administrator effectiveness.
- Student and staff attrition rates.
- Assured parent participation on local charter school boards.

The bill will allow taxpayers to be *more informed and engaged* about the actions related to charter schools in their districts through:

- Heightened knowledge of all funding and resource allocations to charter schools.
- Assurances of fair fiduciary responsibilities for board members.
- Available and easy-to-understand data on charter waivers, laws, and policies on charter school websites.
- Increased district accountability committee involvement in charter applications and renewals.

We would be glad to meet with you to discuss this further.

Sincerely,
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