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Senate Charter Bill Side by Side Comparison

	SB 6194 (Litzow)	SB 6163 (Billig)
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintains governance structure of the Commission as a statewide authorizer and district authorizers approved by the State Board of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No statewide authorizer All districts can be authorizers and can only authorize schools within their district boundaries No oversight of district authorizers
Common Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter schools are not common schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter schools are common schools
Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter schools, the Commission, and charter related activities are funded out of the Opportunity Pathways Account (lottery revenue). No access to local levy dollars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Charter schools are funded out of the general fund in same was as other common, district schools Access to local levy dollars, but no requirement that schools receive district average—amount is agreed upon on charter contract
Keeps current schools open	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps all current schools open 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeps only the Spokane schools open
Compliance/ Autonomy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must provide a program of basic education Exempt from most state statutes and rules Exempt from district policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Must provide basic education, but exempt from hours and days requirements Subject to most state statutes and rules
Cap on # of schools/ timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resets 5-year timeline for establishing 40 schools to start when new law passed Current schools don't count towards cap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminates 5-year timeline and cap on number of schools that can open
School approval process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same application and approval process for schools as previous law Authorizers must give reason for non-approval or non-renewal in writing Schools may apply to state authorizer if not approved by district 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No appeal process if not approved District not required to give reason for non-approval or non-renewal
Student enrollment lottery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised to include preference for at-risk students in enrollment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same lottery as previous law, only preference for siblings of students currently enrolled



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Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charters can receive state funds for construction, but cannot be from common school construction fund • Charters have right of first refusal for unused district buildings at fair market value (not below) • Conversion charter schools no longer get to stay in same building rent free 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter schools should be included in district facility planning • Can use state matching funds for school construction • Right of first refusal for unused district buildings at or below fair market value
Fix for other non-common programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes other non-common, public school programs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Guard youth challenge program ○ UW Highly Capable program ○ Educational programs for juvenile inmates ○ Education centers ○ Community learning centers ○ Tribal compact schools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not address other programs

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