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Yahir Ibanez is a name that will be heard this June during Parkrose High School's graduation ceremony. I am a senior at Parkrose High School and I have lived in this neighborhood since I was born. I have gone to school at parkrose k-12 and something that stands out more than anything is the diversity that we have. The diversity of our community allows us to use our differences to unite and come together. That is exactly what we have done as a class in my activism english class. We have been learning about how the state has caused air pollution in our neighborhood and rather than finding solutions to fight it, they are finding solutions to make it worse. After reading the HB #2396 I can confidently say that this proposal is a step forward and will positively impact our community.

I have dedicated my entire life to playing soccer. I learned how to play in kindergarten during recess on the field at Shaver Elementary with my best friend. 12 years later we're getting ready to graduate high school together. To this day we reminisce about all the memories soccer has given us over the years. There is nothing I would love more than for the young children of the parkrose community to not only live through similar experiences, but to be able to eventually relieve them as well. The possibility of that happening doesn't seem very likely because the air quality continues to get worse. We will eventually get to a point where children will no longer be able to enjoy their time outside without it being a risk to their health.

HB #2396 is exactly what our community needs and I am strongly for this proposal to come into fruition. I hope you take everything you have heard today into consideration and thank you for your time.