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I am writing in support of SB-854 which would develop a comprehensive, interdisciplinary framework for climate change/climate justice education in Oregon. Allowing for place-based learning that takes into account local, national and global challenges will better prepare our youth to mitigate the expected impacts throughout their lives and to be more aware and resilient as they move toward career choices for themselves. Additionally, providing this education to all youth will help to address the worsening mental health impacts associated with climate change, particularly the rising rates of depression and anxiety. Education can be the best remedy for assisting people to overcome both fear and dread, and to gain tools for taking positive action.