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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB854

Dear Chair Dembrow and members of the Senate Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on SB 854.

My name is Jessica Fabrizio-Stover and I live in Portland Oregon. I have also previously lived in Salem Oregon. I feel passionate about science-based, informative education due to my personal educational background with a bachelor of science in Biology with a degree in Chemistry. In addition to having completed an AmeriCorps term of service working in underserved high schools with first-generation pre-college students.

I strongly support SB 854 - which seeks to significantly expand and integrate climate change instruction across all K-12 core subject areas (language arts, sciences, mathematics, social studies, health, physical education and the arts).

I care about Senate Bill 854 because climate change can clearly be seen here in Oregon, look at our record-breaking snow just this past month. The increased drought in the Valley over the past few summers, increased wildfires that had never before come over the cascades. The climate will continue to change, and more and more individuals will experience it's impacts, detrimentally hurting livelihoods, property, and lives. It is important for all Oregon students to learn about climate change, with a focus on local impacts and connections. This will let them better understand their immediate world and feel educated on the science.

I urge you to vote in favor of SB 854 - Comprehensive Climate Change Education in Oregon schools.

I appreciate your reading of this comment and for your support of SB 854! It is time for Oregon to take leadership in becoming the second state to legislate comprehensive climate education.

Sincerely,

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