

Submitter: Lydia Valentine
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 Lydia Valentine, I live in Eugene and am a highschooler at South Eugene High School. 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 grew up learning so much about our planet and how it is dying around us. Climate change has affected my family and community so much, from there being so much smoke that I can't go outside, to my power going out from it being so icy and windy. I am surrounded by passionate people who have taught me all they know about saving our planet and wish for all other youth/students to have that same information. I urge you to vote in favor of SB 854 - Comprehensive Climate Change Education in Oregon schools. Climate change is not just about science, it affects our entire lives and the future we leave our children. Climate change is in history, English, art, and more. Thank you 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,
Lydia Valentine