

Submitter: Amanda Duncan

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3365

Dear Chair Neron and Members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Amanda Duncan, and I am a long-time Oregonian and a retired electrical engineer. I have two nieces and a nephew, and I have volunteered with many organizations that work with children, serving as a mentor, a tutor, and a classroom presenter. I care deeply about the future of the young people in our state and know that climate change is likely to affect every aspect of their lives. For this reason, I strongly support HB 3365.

Our children are going to inherit a very different world than the one that we grew up in. We have a moral obligation to prepare them for that. Talking about climate change only in science classes is not sufficient. Students need to understand how climate change will affect geopolitics, public health, the economy, and more. HB 3365 will not only help students know what to expect from climate change, but also help them process their feelings about it and discover actions they can take now and during their careers. This will benefit their mental health and the resiliency of our communities.

Please vote YES on HB 3365 and support comprehensive climate education.

Sincerely,

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