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On Behalf Of:

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I fully support HB 3365 Comprehensive Climate Change Education in OR schools.

Having spent my career (currently retired) in the management of natural resources in Oregon I have been witness to numerous indicators in our forest lands that climate change is altering the environment that has provided the conditions necessary for our Forest lands to provide the ecosystem services that the citizens of Oregon depend on. Thirty years climate change was a topic rarely considered but personally seeing the projections of the scientific community become a reality verified, for me, the existence of the issue and justifies the global efforts being taken to raise awareness and to take immediate action required to stabilize our climate.

I am very concerned and frustrated by the delay in educating the youth of Oregon on the many issues and potential impacts originating from human caused rapid climate change. We have an obligation to provide our youth with the knowledge and skills that will enable them to manage the risks and opportunities presented by these changing world conditions. A sustainable economy is dependent on a healthy environment and just about everything else in our civilized world benefits from that relationship.

I would ask that you vote yes on HB 3365 and move it forward with the urgency it requires.

Thank you,

Charles LeBold