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On Behalf Of:

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House Committee On Education

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Dear Chair Neron and members of the House Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3365. My name is Tessa Perez, I'm a 17 year old student at west Salem high school, and Vice President of my schools environmental club.

I strongly support HB 3365 - which seeks to expand and integrate climate change instruction across all K-12 core subject areas

I haven't always been very aware of global environmental issues, yeah I had heard the words "global warming. Bad," thrown around, but I never knew why it happened or the extent of the issues until a few years ago, when I stumbled across a YouTube video explaining global warming and greenhouse gasses. Turns out "greenhouse" gas isn't just a silly little name. It literally means that because of the ozone layer getting thicker due to emissions, the sun's heat isn't able to escape, similar to how a greenhouse works, intentionally keeping heat in. The only difference is that this isn't intentional. Because of temperatures rising, nearly every part of the ecosystem is put in danger. When I first watched that video I was in shock, it all made sense why people were talking so much about the environment. The truth is environmental issues will effect every single young person as we grow up, we have the right to learn about these issues so that we, as a generation can plan and prevent the loss of ecosystems. Our future, relies on your vote! Be the vote us young people don't have the opportunity to make.

Thank you for your support of HB 3365! It is time for Oregon to take leadership in becoming the second state to legislate comprehensive climate education.

Sincerely,

Tessa Perez, junior in Highschool in Salem-Keizer school district, and intern at "Our Future" enviromental org.