

HB 3365 - Formal Letter of Support Template

“Dear Chair Neron and members of the House Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3365. My name is Nora Kent and I live in Florence. I am a retired educator who taught Adult Basic Skills . I always included climate change as part of my curriculum.

I strongly support HB 3365 - which seeks to 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 am concerned about future generations considering the lack of action that is being taken to mitigate the effects of climate change.

I think it is important for all Oregon students to learn about climate change, especially with a focus on local impacts and connections. Even students as young as elementary school age can learn about interdependence with nature. With this kind of awareness they can become better citizens that contribute to and care for their communities.

It's important that Oregon students learn about climate change beyond science classes. Integrated climate change curriculum would address economics and health, as well as environmental justice . It would offer career and technical pathways in the green energy field.

We all know that unaddressed harm from climate change is an existential threat to life on earth. There are opportunities to educate our youth and give them jobs that will protect our planet's future. This is the moment for legislators to step up and show they care about future generations.

“I urge you to vote in favor of HB 3365- Comprehensive Climate Change Education in Oregon schools.”

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,

Nora Kent
Lane ESD Board member