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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3365

Dear Chair Neron and members of the House Education Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3365. My name is Amy Minato. I have been involved in nature education since helping to start the non-profit Nearby Nature in Eugene, Or. I am also the author of a memoir about living with nature, Siesta Lane, and a collection of nature poems, both stemming from my experience with Oregon's ecology.

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).

Currently, I teach a course in sustainable living at PSU. In my long experience, I have seen a lessening of understanding of the natural world among youth coupled with an increase in concern for its health. I strongly believe that if we are to solve the current and future environmental problems stemming from climate change, we will need our youth to be versed in ecology and environmental issues.

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,

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