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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 Joe Bachman and I am a fourth year student at the University of Oregon. I am an educational foundation major and taking a gap year before starting my master program at UO Teach. I have lived in Oregon for the past four years and have loved it since starting college. However I think it’s so important to see how our environment is changing. As a future educator I think we need to look and start sharing how our surroundings and weather patterns have changed. 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). As someone who grew up in Michigan and every year it snowed on Christmas. Within the past 5 years the weather has changed and it has been nearly 50 degrees in December. Also during my first few years in Oregon in the summer, I have noticed severe temperature raises including heat waves and less rain during the winter seasons. School has taught me that it’s important to talk and speak about issues that will impact my life and others lives as well. This issue is not only a statewide issue, but worldwide because it impacts all of us living on planet Earth. I love the outdoors, including hiking, snowboarding, swimming, and just exploring all the beauty this state has. “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. If you don’t vote for this I will remember you personally and will ensure you get voted out of office :) Thanks, so don’t mess this up...
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