

Dear Chair Neron and members of the House Education Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3365. My name is Taylor Mattingly, and I am in my last year of undergrad at the University of Oregon. I am majoring in Education foundation along with minoring in Special Ed, and for the last four years I've had the pleasure of being a preschool educator. I strongly support HB 3365 - which seeks to expand and integrate climate change instruction across all K-12 core subject areas like language arts, sciences, mathematics, social studies, health, physical education, and the arts.

I had the pleasure of growing up in San Diego, California, which has allowed me to experience all the beauties that come with it. While I saw the beauty of it all, one thing that I always pointed out as a kid was all the trash on the beach and the wetlands. My mom heard my feelings and decided to sign me and my family up for weekly beach and wetland clean ups! It was an amazing way to connect to the earth by helping it become clean again. When that happened, I didn't understand what I was doing but now as an adult and an educator, I'm so glad that I could be a part of it. With that being said, as an educator and future elementary school teacher, I want to be able to educate and include my students in what we need to be learning about climate and what's going on on our planet.

Climate education is a right that every student deserves to be a part of, and this bill will allow and support that happening. Having this curriculum will show students how to get involved and become informed in a developmentally appropriate way about what's going on in our world. Students are noticing and wanting to understand what's going on, so why not properly educate them!. I highly support Climate education and I urge you to vote in favor of HB 3365- Comprehensive Climate Change Education in Oregon schools. Thank you so much for hearing everyone, and it's time for Oregon to take leadership in becoming the second state to legislate comprehensive climate education.

Sincerely,
Taylor Mattingly