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Oregon House and Senate Education Committees
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Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for your efforts to provide the best educational experiences possible for Oregon students.

We are elated to share our support for House Bill 3365, the student- and educator-crowdsourced legislation that ensures that connections to climate change would occur in all K-12 core subject areas through already ongoing standards review, update, and adoption processes.

We see this as a small step in the potential of our education system. This potential lies in providing students the knowledge and skills necessary to understand and make informed decisions about climate change. Furthermore, it includes engaging them in career technical education (CTE) and college and career connected learning that inspires their commitment to be stewards of their communities and the ecosystems they are intertwined with.

With Oregon's vast diversity of places and ecosystems as a state larger (in area) than 50% of the 'nations' recognized by the United Nations, climate change education in our state could inform other states and regions envisioning of what it could look like in their contexts. Please meet the opportunity of the moment.

Through a workgroup with former Senate Education Committee Chair Michael Dembrow, with members of our caucus and Oregon Educators for Climate Education, we generated this draft statewide implementation framework that may be of interest to you: tinyurl.com/stfra23

Would you please support this bill's passage? Thank you for considering.

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