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Testimony supporting HB3365

Chair Neron and members of the House Committee on Education:

My name is Alan Journet. After 30 years teaching ecology, conservation biology, process of science, and environmental science at Southeast Missouri State University, I relocated to Southern Oregon where, in 2012, I co-founded and have since cofacilitated Southern Oregon Climate Action Now. SOCAN is an organization some 2,000 strong that is dedicated to promoting awareness and understanding about the science of global warming, its climate change consequences, and what we can do individually and collectively to address the problem.

Not surprisingly, our educational efforts incorporate visits to schools, colleges and universities to talk to elementary, middle and senior high school and college students. Indeed, in addition to our school engagements we now teach a course at Southern Oregon University entitled Living with Climate Change: Rogue Valley. These experiences combined to tell us that students throughout the educational system are concerned about climate change and interested in understanding both the science behind it and what they can do to help solve it.

In approaching these engagements, we think it's very important to present the science honestly and simply so all ages can understand. We also think it's important that students understand that we can solve this crisis if we collectively commit to doing it. The authors of HB3365 are equally mindful of these issues and needs while teaching about the climate and have developed a proposal that reflects these concerns.

We think it's critical that students understand what global warming is and how its driving climate change and what we can do to address it rather than succumb to the conspiracy hoax teachings that regrettably are prevalent today.

For these reasons, Southern Oregon Climate Action Now supports HB3365 and urges its passage with the -2 amendment incorporated.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Journet". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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