



To: House Education Committee
From: Raevyn Thompson - Beyond Toxics
Subject: Support HB 3365

Dear Chair Neron and members of the House,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3365. My name is Raevyn Thompson, I was raised in the beautiful state of Oregon, and am passionately engaging with youth on climate education and justice issues. 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).

I support this bill for a variety of reasons, some being the access and importance of education that students in Oregon will receive as well as building comprehension and literacy through this topic that translates to many different subjects and issues students are passionate about. Many of the students and youth I've had the pleasure of working with have stated how much they wish this topic and the ability to have these conversations were also provided in a school setting, which tells me that they understand the intersectionality between climate education and other subject matters. The more that students have the ability to learn, understand, and see local impacts and connections of climate change, it empowers them to be informed and engaged with their communities who can actively contribute to solutions for a sustainable Oregon.

Legislators currently have the opportunity to uphold our climate and environmental justice goals and make these priorities strong for our state. Especially with the current federal administration.

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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