

Submitter: Mel Bankoff  
On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SJR28

Dear Legislatures

I am writing to you in strong support of Bill SJR-28, for Environmental Rights Amendment to the Oregon Constitution. I have been working directly with youth K through 12 for over 20 years. Doing that, I have seen the real life impact of climate change, which is creating the ever increasing demand for Oregon legislators to be more proactive in protecting our environment. Therefore, the importance of a safe and clean environment for all Oregonians is critical for present future generations, and all the other living systems that make Oregon a special and beautiful place to live in. We need to be thinking seventh generation because the decisions we make today will have long lasting impacts into the future. Having an Oregon Constitution that clears protects our environment will decrease the mental, physical, and financial burdens on present and future generations. It is beholden for us to take the highest level of prudence to protect our natural resources throughout our beautiful State. By having this Rights Amendment be part of our Oregon constitution it demonstrates to all our citizens and our legislators present and future that there is a high standard for respecting and the protecting our environment. Therefore, I highly request that you support this constitutional amendment because I think it is and will be one of the most important additions Oregon's Constitution that honor and protect the place that we all love. Thanks, Mel Bankoff