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On Behalf Of:
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Chair & Committee Members,

I find it truly amazing that this bill has proceeded forward given the state of Oregon's educational system and the fact that despite an 80% increase in funding since 2013, Oregon ranks last in both math and reading.

Our children deserve better from our legislators who seem to be bent on focusing on everything BUT learning basic skills in education. It should NOT be up to legislators to determine the focus of students in this state be that of something so controversial as "climate change".

Mandating or "ensuring" that subjects include sufficient instruction on this totally dilutes the focus on what our students SHOULD be concentrating on which are core subjects like math, language arts, history, and science. It would be nice if we brought civics, debate, and critical thinking into the classrooms as well as home economics and programs like woodshop. Our education system should never be utilized to "indoctrinate" children in any polarizing or political topic.

"Climate Change" has become a highly politicized subject and requiring specific instruction could cross the line from education to advocacy and may introduce ideological bias in classrooms.

A 30-state study conducted by researchers from Harvard and Stanford ranked Oregon dead last in post-Covid recovery. When will Oregon start focusing on basic skills again instead of obvious liberal agendas that appear intent on masking "education" with "activism"? There are so many children leaving the public school system due to the inadequate focus on basic skills. It's time for parents to demand, "Show us BETTER results!"

NO ON HB 3365. Oregonians deserve better educational standards than this!
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

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