

**To: Members of the Senate Education Committee,**

I strongly support the Climate Education Bill HB 3365 which will help realize my local and statewide goals of expanding climate education and integrating it into all core subject areas from K to 12th grade.

I clearly recognized the need for more climate education when I substituted as a teacher in all grade levels in the Siuslaw School District. At the high school I learned about the results of a climate survey given by a biology teacher to an advanced biology class. The results were disappointing. More than half the class could not identify three fossil fuels responsible for global warming.

As my concern grew I worked with several high school students to find a sponsor and form an Environmental Club at their school. This is a start, but not enough. To be ready for a world threatened by climate change their climate education must start in kindergarten and continue throughout their school years.

Integrating climate education into all the core subjects will reinforce that learning. For some it may lead to a career that may benefit us all. For many it will relieve the climate anxiety they suffer because of a lack of knowledge.

Please vote for HB 3365, which calls for Comprehensive Climate Education for all of our students.

Thank you in advance for your leadership in making Oregon one of the few states to legislate this most important climate education for our children.

Sincerely,

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Mike Allen giving testimony to the Siuslaw School Board