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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3365

Dear Chair Fredrick and members of the Senate Education Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3365. My name is Diane Chavez and as a parent, a grandparent, a former biologist, a retired teacher and a wife of a school principal, I strongly support HB3365.

HB 3365 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 remember learning about the "Greenhouse Effect". in high school, in the 70s. It wasn't until I saw AL Gore's film "An Inconvenient Truth" early in the 2000s that I understood seriousness of the issue. We are leaving our children a mess to deal with and they need all the support we can give them. That starts with letting children know that they are not alone with their concerns. Children need to know that teachers are providing them with the best information available to support their search for solutions. They need to know that others are studying the issues and working on responses.

Our children face an uncertain future. Education is one thing that cannot be taken away. Let's provide our children with a real education, about real issues, so that they are prepared to face real issues in the future.

"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,
Diane Daly Chavez