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Chair Neron and members of the committee,

I am a highschool senior from Eugene, and I strongly support HB 3365. According to NASA, "There is unequivocal evidence that Earth is warming at an unprecedented rate." (<https://science.nasa.gov/climate-change/>). A memo to policymakers states that "the primary source of the increased atmospheric concentration of carbon dioxide... results from fossil fuel use, with land use change providing another significant but smaller contribution." (Herbert, Betsy. Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science. 2007. [https://www.slvwd.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf1176/f/uploads/item\\_10b\\_4.pdf](https://www.slvwd.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf1176/f/uploads/item_10b_4.pdf)). Essentially, climate change is real, and is caused by human actions. This is not a political agenda- it is a scientific fact, just like gravity or the water cycle. I see many people in opposition to this bill saying that schools shouldn't be pushing a political ideology- this is true. I agree that schools should not tell students whether to be democrats or republicans. What they should tell us is facts- the earth is warming. Sea levels are rising, pushing people out of their homes. Extreme weather events are becoming more and more common. And all this is caused by our actions, meaning we have the power to stop it. Not only are these things true, this information is vital to our future. Climate change will affect all of us, no matter who we are and where we live. I can think of nothing more important for my life than the ability to breathe safe air, drink clean water, and live on land not being swallowed up by the ocean or wildfires.

We need to make climate action a part of our daily lives now, because if we don't, it will become part of our lives later- whether we want it or not, whether we believe in it or not. When planning our futures, people in my generation need to take that into account- and to do that, we need accurate information about climate change. We need this information to be readily available to everyone, regardless of age or elective classes. Although I am graduating from high school in about a month, I want my younger friends and family to have the opportunity to learn about climate change in every class. More than that, I want a future world to live in- something humanity can only give me if everyone takes this crisis seriously and learns the skills to fix it. Thank you for your time, and I look forward to seeing this bill passed!