

Testimony in Support of HB 3365 relating to Climate Change Instruction in Public Schools

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My name is Flavia Franco and I reside in Ashland Oregon. I support this bill because future generations need to understand what is happening to the climate on the planet, just like they need to understand history. It answers the question: why are things this way?

The use of facts and science and historical events should not be controversial. It is the responsibility of educational institutions to prepare students to engage with the world. It's why society wants 100% literacy rate. Not just in reading, but in math and science as well. It is the students of today who will be the phd's of tomorrow, who will be searching for innovative ways – not to conquer nature, but to understand what it needs and how to make life on earth thrive.

In my opinion, critical thinking should also be taught, if it is not already. So much misinformation and propaganda is out there and it is funded by deep pockets that are only interested in uninterrupted revenue streams. I am ashamed of what my country stands for right now, having pulled out of the Paris Agreement and wanting to look the other way as thousands are starved or killed, and the way it is treating immigrants, trans people, federal workers and anyone who supports DEI. I would very much like to be proud of Oregon to do the right thing for the planet and for its children.

Please pass this bill.

Thank you

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