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On Behalf Of:

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HB3365

"Dear Chair Fredrick and members of the Senate Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3365. My name Stephanie Humphress and I reside in Junction City, OR. I'm steward of public land and natural places for all to enjoy and do my part to protect these lands as a biological science technician in the local forests.

I strongly support HB 3365 - which 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).

As a wildland firefighter, I have seen (and fought) first hand the effects of climate change. The results are long term and do not have quick fixes. It worries me that future generations may not get to experience the same beautiful natural spaces that I've had the privilege to experience if no actions are taken to mitigate the issues. I believe it's important for future generations to learn about the causes and outcomes that climate change hold and the path towards solution they may be able to find.

I believe climate change has an impact in all areas of life and should be addressed as such, through education throughout the full curriculum, not just touched upon briefly in science classes. Nature provides such a huge impact to mental health and I feel protecting these areas would in turn have a huge impact on society as a whole.

I believe your oath to uphold the Oregon Constitution means that you must act to address threats facing the state and the livelihoods of its people.

"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,

Stephanie Humphress, Junction City, OR