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Climate change is already affecting our state, from wildfires to droughts, and it will continue to impact our future. I think it's important for all students to learn about these issues in subjects like math, science, social studies, and even the arts, so we can see how they connect to everything they are learning.

We need to start teaching about climate change in as many different ways as possible, from science to policy to health and advocacy.

If students explore it in elementary school (through nature exploration and science) and understand it in middle school, they will be better prepared to make a real difference when they grow up, through innovation, civic engagement, communications, data reasoning, career-connected learning, etc. Learning about the problem/challenges, the innovative solutions, as well as the myriad of approaches to create a more sustainable future for Oregon's future generations provides opportunity for exciting, future-facing career connected learning that will help us build a better future.

I strongly support HB 3365 because it will give Oregon students the knowledge and skills they need to face the challenges of climate change. It is the least we can do, to give them the tools they need when we are leaving them a climate disaster that they will have to deal with.

I urge you to vote in favor of this bill.

Thank you for your time and for supporting climate education!