

HB 3365 - Formal Letter of Support Template

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Consider sending also to your own Legislator ([find your Legislator here](#))

Introduction:

"Dear Chair Fredrick and members of the Senate Education Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3365. My name is... **[Write a little bit about yourself, where you live, any relevant information about what you do - student, educator, parent, community partner, etc.]**

Clearly present your position:

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).

Say why you have taken your position: Share your personal story clearly and honestly:

- What is your climate story? How has climate change affected you, your loved ones, your community?
- What concerns you about future generations, with climate change as a major threat while so little action/attention seems to be directed toward it?
- What has school taught you, your children or your loved ones about climate change versus what do you wish it had taught you? And/or, what have you learned that you think it'd benefit all Oregon youth to know?

Include some KEY TALKING POINTS:

1. **Why do you care about House Bill 3365?**
 - a. Why do you think it's important for all Oregon students to learn about climate change, with a focus on local impacts and connections?
 - i. What are the benefits that you or your peers or future generations would experience?
-AND/OR-
 - b. Why is it important for Oregon students to learn about climate change outside of just science classes?
-AND/OR-
 - c. Why is it important for Oregon students to learn about climate change (and related topics, like interdependence with nature) before high school and as early as elementary school?
-AND/OR-
 - d. Why are "green" CTE (career and technical education) pathways so important to provide to students?
2. What do you see the legislators' responsibility or opportunity to be?
 - a. How is supporting this the right action for this moment?
-AND/OR-
 - b. What legacy are they leaving to their names and to their power as lawmakers?

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- c. Doesn't their oath to uphold the Oregon Constitution also mean that they must act to address threats facing the state and the livelihoods of its people?

Ask for specific Action:

"I urge you to vote in favor of HB 3365- Comprehensive Climate Change Education in Oregon schools."

Thank them:

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,

[Your name, location, and any relevant affiliations or titles - testimony is made publicly available so don't share your address or phone number!]