

# House Bill 2777

Sponsored by Representative THATCHER (Pre-session filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Specifies content standards for environmental education.  
Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2011.

### A BILL FOR AN ACT

Relating to environmental education; and declaring an emergency.

**Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

**SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, "environmental education" means organized instruction designed to enhance student understanding of scientific and economic principles related to environmental issues.**

**(2) The district school board of a school district that provides environmental education shall ensure that the instructional materials related to the environmental education:**

**(a) Provide a range of perspectives that are presented in a balanced manner;**

**(b) Are based on accepted economic principles, concepts and facts and on sound scientific research that can be replicated with consistent results;**

**(c) Provide clear references and citations to all sources of factual information;**

**(d) Are presented for educational purposes that encourage students to:**

**(A) Explore different perspectives in an atmosphere of respect for different opinions and open-mindedness to new ideas; and**

**(B) Use critical thinking to objectively evaluate scientific and economic controversies and to form their own opinions; and**

**(e) Are not designed to:**

**(A) Encourage political action activities; or**

**(B) Change student values.**

**SECTION 2. This 2011 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2011 Act takes effect July 1, 2011.**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.