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Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen, and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

My name is Collen Swafford Steffensen. I am a first year at Oregon State University, and I have lived in Oregon for all of the 18 years of my life. I was born in Springfield and lived in Eugene until recently when I began college here in Corvallis. I have a strong connection to the Oregon land and would like to see my government to do more to protect it.

I am an adult now and for most of my life I have watched the government struggle to do enough to protect my future. SB 1530 is one step towards a better future for me and fellow youth. It is your obligation as our governmental representatives to support the wishes of your constituents. Oregon youth want this bill. I personally, have worked towards passing Clean Energy Jobs for 3 years now to no avail.

I backpack all around Oregon and enjoy its beauty. I cannot help but think of how it may look very different in the future. The Kalmiopsis is a stark reminder of the effects humans have had on the environment around them. Conditions for wildfires only increase as we sit idly by. Fear festers with inaction. Act. Jump into action by voting for SB 1530 and uphold your constituents call to fight the climate crisis.

Thank you,

Collen Swafford Steffensen, age 18