



April 17, 2019

Ways and Means Education Subcommittee,

I am writing to convey my support for continued state funding for OCCRI, the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute.

The sound science and clear communication delivered by the OCCRI team is incredibly valuable to Oregonians and to the work of Our Children's Trust. Our work is grounded in climate science and our work would be more difficult without the reliable expertise and clarity provided by the team at OCCRI. The youth we support are seeking science-based climate recovery plans and the science and reports provided by OCCRI provide a crucial foundation for those plans.

OCCRI staff are friendly and accessible and able to translate difficult scientific concepts into plain language. Kathie Dello has been incredibly valuable by providing current, clear presentations to inform our community about potential climate impacts.

The work done by OCCRI is a critical asset for the state and our region.

I urge the Education Subcommittee to continue to support the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute.

Sincerely,

Julia Olson
Executive Director
Our Children's Trust