

OREGON JEWISH MUSEUM AND CENTER FOR HOLOCAUST EDUCATION

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Oregon Senate Education Committee
900 Court Street Northeast
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for your efforts to provide the best educational experiences possible for Oregon students. We are writing this letter in support of Senate Bill 854.

The Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education (OJMCHE) is elated to share our support for the student- and educator- drafted legislation that would require place-based, hopeful, solutions-focused, climate change education across all K-12 core subject areas.

In order to bring about the transformations necessary for a sustainable future with resilient communities, widespread education about climate change is essential. In fact, as we expand our museum to include a *Human Rights after the Holocaust* exhibition, we recognize the role climate change has played in contributing to human rights abuses and violations. As such, we will be highlighting examples where climate change has impacted communities as well as climate justice advocates and leaders both within and beyond Oregon. We strongly encourage you to meet the opportunity of the moment and support this legislation.

Climate change education is critical to providing Oregon students the opportunity to become impactful global citizens. Thank you for considering this relevant and timely legislation.

Yours truly,

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