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To the Senate Committee on Education:

The Board of Friendly Area Neighbors Association in Eugene, OR supports the passage of SB 854, Oregon's Climate Education Bill.

FAN's Sustainability Team has been closely following the development of this bill by Oregon Educators for Climate Education. We support its goals of:

- --- expanding and integrating climate change instruction across all K-12 core subject areas,
- --- establishing a pathway for teacher professional development by providing resources to build on existing curricula developed within Oregon and nationally, and
- --- requiring career and technical education programs to integrate climate change instruction to support climate-focused sustainability career pathways.

We believe this bill should be passed because the more our children know about the realities of climate change, the better equipped they will be to tackle the challenges we are facing now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the FAN Board