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I live in Union county and currently, we have no curriculum for climate change instruction in k-12. This county is heavily dependent on our natural resources and agriculture and therefore highly vulnerable to threats from rapid climate change.

Every business sector in our economy along with many, if not most, government institutions have been responding to the effects and threats of a rapidly changing climate. Oregon needs people who are ready and able with skill sets appropriate for current and future challenges faced by our state.

Our schools have been graduating young people unprepared to meet the challenges posed by rapid climate change to our regional industries. Our young folks are also unable to compete for work in other regions where being informed on threats from a rapidly changing climate is beneficial/required when seeking employment.

The integration of climate issues throughout all disciplines and grades is crucial to the success of a curriculum with the goal of providing relevant information in a manner that allows for understanding the interaction between social, economic, and environmental elements and thus the ability to develop better alternate paths forward. My only concern with this proposal is the extremely slow implementation period as Oregon needs this ASAP.

I fully support this bill and ask that this committee also gives it full support.

Thank You,

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