

January 27, 2021

TO: Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
RE: SB76 and HB33 Climate Crisis and Education Act  
POSITION: SUPPORT  
HEARING DATE: Feb. 2, 2021

I'm writing to you in support of HB33/SB76 Climate Crisis & Education Act. I have always felt actions taken in the present must not only address present needs but do so within an important larger context or framework, i.e. what will the future look like with or without this particular bill. I fully understand this bill will have financial costs for some in the short term but within the larger context of the future it may ultimately prevent much larger expenditures required to repair the environment...if it can be repaired.

As we rightfully look at caring for one another in the present, it is equally essential we look beyond ourselves and care for those who will come after us. In my mind's eye, to support this bill is ultimately an act of compassion toward ourselves, those who will come after us as well as toward the environment without which we cannot thrive.

Lastly, for some unexplained reason we've come to believe the created world is at our disposal. It simply isn't and to believe so is more than problematic. We're part of the rest of the created world which means we must provide proper care for it which, in doing so, actually equally cares for ourselves who are part of it.

Thank you for reading and reflecting on what I want to share with you. I sincerely hope you will give very thoughtful consideration to the full range of issues that are embodied in this bill and will ultimately support it.

Sincerely,

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