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Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

My name is Jessica Gunther, and I'm a 7th grader at Lewis and Clark Montessori School. I was wondering if you could possibly add something in the Clean Energy Jobs Bill, to benefit my home: Oregon.

The impact of climate change on Oregon's rivers and lakes are affecting us in many ways. For one, the Salmon in the Columbia River are declining drastically due to stress in the water. According to the Third Oregon Climate Assessment Report, "Stream temperatures that are lethal to fish (generally greater than 68°F, although this varies among populations) can occur with declining snowpack and warmer summers." To help this problem, I would ask that maybe you build more salmon hatcheries; this would protect the population of the fish that the Pacific Northwest treasures.

I hope that you keep my proposal in mind, and maybe put it as an addition to the bill. Thank you so much for your time, and I wish you the best of luck. Sincerely,

Jessica Gunther