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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural
Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

Hello,

I am writing in support of HB 3173 to establish funding for Oregon Flora. I use Oregonflora.org daily as director of a backyard habitat certification program here in Eugene-Springfield. We are funded by a grant from Upper Willamette Soil and Water Conservation District, and they rely on us to have knowledge of native plants. This program is invaluable to anyone hoping to save species, to restore habitat and protect pollinators. Our native birds rely on native plants because they provide the native insects nestlings need to survive. Native pollinators are vital to agriculture--far more than European honey bees. We need the information Oregon Flora provides to help our pollinators.

Please support HB 3173.

Sincerely,

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