

Feb. 2, 2025

To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Re: HB 3173 (Oregon Flora) - SUPPORT

Dear Committee members:

I am an Oregon State Extension Master Gardener and Native Plant Society member active in Lane County, and I strongly support HB 3173.

I rely on the information from OregonFlora to maintain my technical knowledge and to assist Oregon residents who use the resources of OSU extension services, such as home gardener clinics and recommendations for using native plants in landscaping. The scholarly curation of the information by the OregonFlora team means it is an accurate and valuable resource for volunteers serving our community.

I urge your support of House Bill 3173 to ensure the resources of OregonFlora can continue to be maintained and developed for users statewide.

Sincerely,

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