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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

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

Re: HB 3173 (Oregon Flora) - SUPPORT

Dear Committee members: I am a Master Gardener in Lane County. I'm active in several committees including the Native Plant and Pollinator committee and the Compost Specialist Committee. I also mentor future Master Gardeners.

The Oregon Flora project is often mentioned/utilized in our interactions with the public and Master Gardener trainees.

As such I strongly support HB 3173.

I am a member of the Native Plant Society of Oregon/ and a Master Gardener in Lane County. I volunteer my time weekly to the Native Plant Nursery run by the City of Eugene. We rely on the useful and useable information from OregonFlora to both help train future Master Gardeners as well as help inform the public at large. The scholarly curation of the information by the OregonFlora team means it is accurate and valuable for both professional and casual use.

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,

Jeffrey Lange, Eugene OR