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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

Dear Committee Members,

OregonFlora is an essential tool for documenting and understanding the diverse and unique plant life found in our wonderful state - it offers invaluable resources for research, education, conservation, and land management. There is simply nothing else like it learning about which plant is which, and where certain (even very rare) plants can be found here in Oregon. It has been a lifeline for me time and time again, and for many others who are curious about the world around them. Establishing OregonFlora in law would ensure the continued support and development of this vital database, promoting the preservation of native plant species and habitats. By codifying OregonFlora, your committee can recognize its critical role in advancing botanical and ecological knowledge, guiding environmental policy, and helping land managers and conservationists make informed decisions. A secure and reinvigorated OregonFlora would also strengthen efforts to monitor invasive species, protect biodiversity, and support sustainable land practices - all of these are integral to our state's commitment to environmental stewardship.

I urge you to support House Bill 3173 and help guarantee that this resource remains accessible and relevant for future generations of Oregonians.

In solidarity,  
Benjamin Snyder