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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

To whom it may concern:

It is with great pleasure and strong motivation that I recommend you pass HB 3173 to continue the work of Oregon Flora. I have been referring to it as a resource and the information contained therein, since becoming an Oregon Master Gardener, Oregon Naturalist and Watershed Steward, in the early 2000s, all OSU Extension programs geared to promote citizen science. Oregon Flora (OF) project provides information in a very concise, comprehensive and practical manner to all those who like myself, look for research based information and support. Now as the third phase is implemented that contains Indigenous Knowledge references to the previously identified native plants, we are on the threshold of doing what other states have not been able to accomplish that is to link Native Flora to TEK (Traditional Ecological Knowledge). TEK has long been recognized by the Federal government as a way to appreciate that traditional science and knowledge accumulated over centuries by Native Peoples share the same level of scientific credibility and acceptability. Your generous funding will assure that this progress moves forward.

Sincerely Jack Shorr, retired educator, Portland Public. Hillsboro SD