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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

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

Re: HB 3173 (Oregon Flora) - SUPPORT

Dear Committee members:

I am an environmental protection worker and I strongly support HB 3173.

As a member of the botanist, I rely on the useful and useable information from OregonFlora to both enhance my appreciation of the natural world and to share that with other Oregon residents. My contributions of plant images and occurrences help to build this public resource. The scholarly curation of the information by the OregonFlora team means it is accurate and valuable for both professional and casual use.

I use OregonFlora information daily in my work to identify botanical resources. The data is curated by taxonomists, comprehensive, and readily accessible online. Its presentation of plant occurrences from multiple datasets lets me efficiently gather information that will be comprehensive in scope. OregonFlora's standardizing taxonomy assures that my work can be shared and accurately used by others, avoiding duplication of efforts and confusion.

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