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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

I strongly support HB 3173 to help fund the OregonFlora program at Oregon State University.

The OregonFlora program provides valuable information used by resource managers, both private and public, ranging from wetlands and floodplains, fish habitat, agriculture, to transportation and horticulture.

The OregonFlora is an amazing resource for educators, teaching our students who will become the scientists tackling climate change in the decades to come. A solid knowledge of our plant resources is essential for protecting Oregon's rare species, for raising agricultural crops, for providing wildlife habitat and fighting wildland fires. Oregon needs to support the biological sciences that form the foundation for our resource base and quality of life.

I urge the Committee to support HB 3173.

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