| Submitter: | Regan Fisher |
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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,

I am writing to state my support for HB 3173 and to urge you to support this bill to help fund the OregonFlora program at Oregon State University.

I am an avid hiker, gardener, naturalist, and environmentalist. OregonFlora is an essential tool and resource for me as I explore my passion of learning about Oregon's native plants.

In addition, OregonFlora is instrumental in helping educators, business owners, and land managers do their work effectively. Funding OregonFlora would help ensure its resources are kept up to date so that people can make informed decisions when it comes to managing land; responding to climate challenges; addressing wildfire impact, preparedness strategies, and responses; and managing our state's natural resources. As we've been seeing with the climate disasters we in Oregon have experienced, having the proper resources to tackle these tasks effectively is more important than ever.

In closing, I urge you to please support HB 3173.

Thank you for your time, Regan Fisher