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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

I write to state my support for HB3173 which provides funds for the OregonFlora project to create and maintain publications, websites, maps, and photos of botanical information regarding our state's vegetation. I believe it is in the best interest of our state to ensure we have the knowledge and technology to understand and share the heritage of Oregon including our vegetation. As a state with an emphasis in agriculture and tourism, dedicating resources to track and maintain an online tool for everyone to use is important. Managing healthy forests, range lands, parks and wild places requires knowledge of the plants that are native; the OregonFlora project is an indispensable online tool that can aid in this endeavor. I encourage legislative support for passing of HB3173.