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I am writing to support HB 3173 to fund the Oregon Flora program. All living things in Oregon depend upon the vegetation growing here. The Oregon Flora is a record of our native vegetation and a reference for those seeking information. The work that has been done to compile this huge database was Herculean but much more needs to be done to make this information available to the public and to continue updating as new information becomes available. Permanent funding is needed to support this operation.

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