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Dear Committee, thank you for your consideration of the importance of preserving the education of native flora through specific systems already in place. OregonFlora is a go to source. Native flora has its intricate place in ecosystems impacting the micro and macro levels, We have more to learn in modern times. Sharing data is key.

The Native Plant Society collaborates with organizations, agencies and volunteers to include community (businesses, research, education) to provide accessible information/data. The oregonflora.org website offers sophisticated search and plant identification tools, 1.48 million mappable plant occurrence records, 63,000+ color field photos, and fact sheets. As a citizen I use this data to “rewild land I own and teach others what I have learned.

This was and continues to be an expansive effort that not only supports the education of Oregonians but is now referenced by the scientific community worldwide. Botany, conservation, preservation and ecological studies are on the rise. Moving forward, it is obvious. Thank you for your support.

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