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Much of Oregon's economy, agricultural, forestry, tourism/recreation, is rooted in natural resources. The Oregon Flora database is an important resource for this. It catalogues the almost 4,800 native plant species in Oregon and lists the almost 1.5 million occurrences of these plants in a readily available database. In an age of climate change and devastating wildfires this vital information is a cornerstone for protection and for restoration.

The \$400K annual cost to support Oregon Flora through HB 3173 is de minimis compared to the economic and natural resource benefits that will accrue. HB 3173 leverages the significant work already put into Oregon Flora by devoted botanists and taxonomists.

I urge you to support the long term, sustainable funding For the Oregon Flora project as proposed in HB 3173. It is a worthwhile investment in Oregon's future.