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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 a strong supporter of House Bill 3173 and here is why: Without OregonFlora, Oregonians who care about the flora and fauna would have a much harder time studying plants around them. It is the first place I check to learn about all the subspecies and diversity of native or non native flora. Over the years the detail and pictures have improved greatly, many with garden fact sheets that help every day gardeners. With the help of programs like Backyard Habitat Certification Program and resources from Soil and Water Conservation Districts, there is a growing movement to improve our forests, grasslands and urban area ecosystems. The more habitat abundance and resilience in face of climate change, the better our communities. Oregonflora is a critical resource in helping this movement thrive.

I urge you to support House Bill 3173 so that OregonFlora can continue to be maintained and developed for all users statewide.