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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

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Re: HB 3173

To: Oregon House Committee on Agriculture

The OregonFlora Project is very important to me. Southwestern Oregon is one of the most diverse botanical areas in the United States and deserves to be appreciated and taken care of. It is the crossroads of the Cascade, Sierras, and Coast Range by a bridge created by the Klamath/Siskiyou Mountains. As a retired US Forest Service Botanist of 32 years, I continue to give talks, write articles, and lead field trips in southwest Oregon helping people know about and understand the wonderful native plants here. I've also been very involved with the identification and eradication of invasive (noxious) plants for over 30 years to maintain our native flora.

I use the on-line information of the OregonFlora Project as well as the manual floras to keep up with information about plants in Oregon. I have supported this project financially for many years because it is so important to me. We need to keep funding this project so botanists and land managers can have the most current information available in managing our Oregon flora. Please fund the OregonFlora \$400,000 biennially.

I thank my State Representative, Pam Marsh for sponsoring this bill. I know she is aware of how important our native vegetation is and the need to keep this project funded, keeping our Oregon flora information current.

Sincerely,

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