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On Behalf Of:

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Appointment or Topic: HB3173

I am writing in support of HB3173 to establish funding for OregonFlora. I run a seed library in our city library and the demand for education surrounding Oregon's native plants has grown. I use OregonFlora as a resource personally, and I also refer patrons to this resource as our community is starting to look toward native plants for their land, whether updating traditional landscape or restoring woodland areas on their properties.

The desire to know more about native plants has increased for home and landowners as they are looking for landscaping that is more suited to the environment and will require less resources (water, labor, etc.), could potentially help reduce the risk of wildfires, and will support the native wildlife (especially pollinators as a lot of our community supports farms and general agriculture.)

Thank you for your support,
Brianna Chase