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I am a lifelong amateur Botanist, Mycologist, and Herbalist, starting 56 years ago at age 18. Currently, I am the President of our local Chapter, and a member of the State Board. I am the only Botanist in our Chapter. Botany is a serious study for me.

As a leader of our Chapter, I depend on the OR Flora to ID specimens I find in the field which are new, different, or unknown to me. I teach these subjects on our Field Trips: Botany, medicinal, edible, and Native American traditional uses of plants. Also, Orientation.

I am a member of another local group, the Umpqua Native Plant Partnership (UNPP). Through seed collection, grow outs, and local events, we provide local native plants as seed or starts to landowners for remediation. Throughout this, the OR Flora is our go to.

It has been a long time since there has been an up-to-date, complete Botany of Oregon. The OR Flora has been in the works since the early 1990's; its completion has been slow due to lack of steady funding. Book #3, Dicots G thru Z, is nearly completed. Passage of HB 3173 will this guarantee this completion, and the continued viability and support into the future.

All Natural Resource management Agencies, private companies, contractors, etc., absolutely depend upon the OR Flora for accurate information.

Our NPSO Chapter owns books 1 & 2; these books reside in my home. I've been eagerly awaiting the publishing OR Flora 3 for many years.

For the sake of our beautiful State, Region & Planet, please support HB 3173!

Sincerely,
Rod L Trotter