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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

To the legislature,

I strongly urge you to support the Oregon Flora project and HB 3173. I have witnessed this project continue to evolve with tremendous success since first utilizing their resources in the mid-1990's. Since then, I have consistently used the project's free and very accessible resources to help advance my own career, while working for both public resource agencies and the private natural products sector. And I believe the Oregon Flora Project stands out as one of our state's best examples of a truly collaborative effort with versatile and engaging results. It is also important to know that the number of individuals that are interfacing and contributing to the project continues to increase. And completion of the third volume of the Oregon flora will be a critical goal in the upcoming year. Maintenance of a massive online database, population atlas, advanced educational tools and the very active OSU herbarium needs and deserves secured state funding. Again, I strongly encourage you to support HB 3173.

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