Submitter: Eugenia Tam

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural

Resources, and Water

Measure, Appointment or

Topic:

HB3173

Dear Members of the House Committee On Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

I am writing in support of HB 3173 to allocate funds to support the OregonFlora project. I am a layperson who happens to recognize the value and beauty of our natural ecosystems and working lands. Plant diversity is an essential part of a healthy ecosystem. We humans have already destroyed so much of these lands that they are in dire need of protection. I believe that people will only appreciate plants when they get to know them. OregonFlora is an amazing resource for people to learn about plants. Moreover, it serves the many professional and citizen scientists who are actively working to better our understanding of these species and how to protect them. Please vote in favor of this bill. Thank you.

Sincerely, Eugenia Tam