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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

I urge you to support HB3173. This funding will allow OregonFlora to keep plant diversity data freely available and up to date.

OregonFlora is the only program in Oregon that curates and freely shares data about all plants that grow here without cultivation. This valuable data is used by community members, nursery owners, land stewards, agencies, scientists and more.

The website is heavily used with 738,000 pageviews in the last 12 months! OregonFlora's extremely accessible and easy to use information encourages engagement with our state's most valuable asset—its natural resources and helps us build climate resiliency.

The requested support will leverage 30+ years of research, volunteer effort, and citizen science contributions to develop the OregonFlora resources. Sustainable support will help ensure this collaborative free resource continues.

-eliza lindsay