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Oregon is one of the most biodiverse places on the planet. It has taken thousands of years for nature to get this far in its intelligent, adaptive design. We have so many plants are found no where else, and many have yet to be found and identified. Such a special region requires appropriate recognition, documentation, and care. Without these additional services, we risk losing these precious plants to non-native invasive plants which off sets the whole ecosystem. If we don't know what we have, how can we protect it. We understand Oregon is a giant garden, some areas are tended for timber, and other need to be guarded for study and preservation. Please grant House Bill 3173, as this is an important spoke in the wheel.