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I understand the importance of having information (data) about plants in Oregon, both native and invasive plants. Both native and invasive plants have an impact on our economy, in particular the agricultural sector.

Native plants provide nectar, pollen and leaves to feed insects that pollinate our crops. Invasive plants are like a tumor on our lands that poison soil, supports insect pests and make it impossible for native plants to grow.

Monitoring and dissemination of information about plant populations requires funding, and HB 3173 would provide that dedicated funding.