

Dear House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

On behalf of the Living Earth Nature Sanctuary in Eugene Oregon, I am writing in support of HB 3173 to establish and fund the OregonFlora Program at Oregon State University. As part of our mission to protect and restore wildlife habitat, we rely on the OregonFlora website and phone app to help us inventory the flora already present in the sanctuary, as well as to determine which native plants are most suitable to help restore the habitat. Although OregonFlora already contains a great deal of information, there is still much to be added and updated. This bill will provide the funding to make OregonFlora sustainable and available for all Oregonians to use. Thank you for your consideration.

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