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OregonFlora is an invaluable resource to anyone interested in or working with plants in Oregon. I am an amateur naturalist, and I use the OregonFlora "Oregon Wildflowers" app when I am hiking and exploring, and I constantly refer to the program's website when I get home to assist me in identifying and learning more about plants that I have seen around the state. I have also used the website's maps to guide my explorations. An understanding of native plant species is critical to maintaining or restoring the health of our beautiful landscapes and wildlife habitats and to sustaining many of the pollinators that we rely on for agriculture. I and others have donated to the program, but it deserves the support of the state to provide more reliable funding to sustain it and help it grow. I urge you to support HB 3173.