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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

To the House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water,

As an Oregonian professional and a graduate of Oregon State University, I am writing to express my support for establishing the OregonFlora program at Oregon State University. OregonFlora has been a crucial resource for my undergraduate research studies at Oregon State University and continues to inform my work in the field of native plant horticulture and ecological restoration. OregonFlora's datasets are rigorous, accessible, and unmatched by other resources.

Native plants are the basis of functional ecosystems. They feed birds, insects, and mammals that provide us with services such as pollination, pest control, and nutrient cycling, as well as their beauty. OregonFlora is key to furthering our understanding of native plants in our state. I urge you to establish the OregonFlora program at Oregon State University.

Sincerely,

Mallory Mead