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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Rules

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB547

Dear members of the committee:

I write in support of SB 547 to establish April as Native Plant Appreciation Month in Oregon. Our state depends on our considerable and rich natural resources. Central for preserving those natural resources is showcasing and preserving the native plants that grow in our state: over 3000 species. Creating a Native Plant Appreciation month can serve as an impetus to raise public awareness of our native plants, to encourage planting of native plants, and to further citizen science. The Native Plant Society of Oregon is dedicated to furthering each of these aims under the auspices of an official Native Plant Appreciation Month.

Sincerely

- James Mickley