

Submitter: Jennifer Lippert
On Behalf Of: Emerald Chapter Native Plant Society of Oregon
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB547

Dear Senate Committee Members,

My name is Jennifer Lippert. I am the President of the Emerald (Lane County) Chapter of The Native Plant Society of Oregon which has 173 members throughout the county. My members and I would like to urge you to vote yes to SB 547 - designating April as Native Plant Appreciation Month in the state of Oregon.

This designation would build upon existing legislation that supports the importance of conservation of the rich biodiversity within our state. Native plants provide the framework for a variety of ecosystems we have in the state- whether it be sand dunes or coastal forests, Willamette Valley wetlands, Cascade/Blue Mountain forests or east side high desert. Animals need these plants for food and cover. Native plants provide many ecosystem services such as toxics filtration and erosion control. Using native plants in gardens can conserve water and provide food and habitat for our native pollinator species. Native plant nurseries and ecotourism to visit high profile botanical areas are beneficial to to our economy.

I hope you will join us in supporting this important bill!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Lippert
President, Emerald Chapter Native Plant Society of Oregon