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This a win-win bill that should be supported. At no cost to taxpayers, it raises recognition of the ecological and aesthetic value of native plants. They provide needed resources for native birds, insects, and other wildlife, often supplying more benefit than non-native plants that have not evolved in tandem with the local wildlife. Native plants are also well adapted to local environmental conditions and often flourish with less supplemental watering, especially if they are native to semi-arid and arid parts of the state. At most local nurseries and garden centers, there are currently few native plants available to people wanting to incorporate more natives into their landscaping. This bill would raise awareness about the importance of native plants, helping not only native plants themselves, but also the wildlife species that depend on them.