

Submitter: Kevin Weitemier

On Behalf  
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Natural  
Resources

Measure: HB5002

Dear Chairs Dembrow and Pham, and members of the Subcommittee on Natural Resources,

I am writing to support full funding for the Oregon Native Plant Conservation Program. This program is critical to protecting Oregon's natural heritage and maintaining its rich biodiversity. Robust funding for this program allows for the basic conservation work of surveys, assessments, and conservation prioritization. Without adequate funding these activities will be at a standstill, while our rarest floral treasures shrink and disappear. This program protects iconic Oregon species, such as pink sandverbena, golden paintbrush, peacock larkspur, Willamette daisy, Kincaid's lupine (the only host for the Fender's blue butterfly), and many more. Please support robust funding for this critical and effective program.

Yours sincerely,

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