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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

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

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Re: HB 3173 (Oregon Flora) - SUPPORT

Dear Committee members:

My name is Michael Beymer and I am an certified Oregon State Naturalist through Oregon State Universities Extension Services and I strongly support HB 3173.

I use OregonFlora to help me achieve my educational certifications, so as to help me to learn about the diverse native flora of our state. I also reference it in non-profit volunteer driven habitat restoration projects, in removal of invasive species and installation of native plants. We are at a critical moment that calls for us to conserve our unique and important native plant species. There are daunting challenges leading to their loss and removal throughout the state. Which is why is so useful to have such a well made and expansive reference like OregonFlora, to help guide conservation efforts and education. I feel the financially supporting this is a very small price for a very good return on investment. So, I write today in support of HB 3173!

Thank you for your time,  
Michael Beymer