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

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I am writing to support HB3173, to establish the OregonFlora Program at Oregon State University. I have used the online and printed editions (Vol 1 and 2) for years, because I have a conservation property (supported by the Yamhill Soil and Water Conservation District and US Fish and Wildlife). I need to identify plants to species to inventory native habitat and identify invasive species. It is important to protect native species, especially rare or threatened species, and one can only do that with a clear identification. I have one or two species which are not common anymore in the Willamette Valley.

I also have a garden design business specializing in native plants, so the OregonFlora is the last word in what plants are appropriate for a particular location and I rely on the manuals and online information for my clients.

OregonFlora is an ambitious project and needs your support to finish publishing up to date information and keys to our flora. It is the only authoritative source for our state for this information and one that many rely on to manage the resources of our entire State. It needs to be updated continuously to stay relevant to scientifically sound management. It is also an important resource for the Oregon Bee Atlas, a well-established State program. As a member of the Master Mellitologist program, I can say it is essential for our bee-plant interaction data, and much more.

Please give this bill your full support.