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On Behalf Of:

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

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

Dear Sir/Madam -

I relocated to Oregon City from New England in 2017 in part because of the great range and quality of outdoor activities available in Oregon year-round. Being able to experience nature in all its wonder has made life here much more enjoyable and encouraged me to act as a steward for the plants and animals that share this state with us. I have an extensive background in solving complex technical problems across a variety of fields as well as teaching undergraduates and graduate students how to think critically on addressing such problems, and these experiences have demonstrated the importance of using reliable and well-researched resources available through programs such as OregonFlora to identify best practices in establishing a sustainable landscape on my property that has positive impacts for me, my neighbors, and the creatures who inhabit my neighborhood. I encourage the State of Oregon to support the OregonFlora Program at Oregon State University so that I and other residents of this state can learn further about plants native to this region and how we can incorporate them into our surroundings to help address the impacts of human development and climate change, including potential wildfires associated with a warming climate and periods of drought (the latter inherent as part of summers in the Pacific Northwest).

Sincerely -

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