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To: House Committee on Agriculture, Land Use, Natural Resources, and Water
Re: HB 3173 (Oregon Flora) - SUPPORT

Dear Committee members:

I am a Graduate Fellow in the Horticulture Department at Oregon State University, and I strongly support HB 3173.

OregonFlora has been an essential resource for me during my graduate degree, and for non-academic purposes. OregonFlora's resources allow me to confirm the native status and distribution of my study plants and ensure I use correct botanical nomenclature in outreach documents and scientific publications. The database also provides efficient connections to other resources on plant taxa, in addition to fact sheets, which provide pertinent information on plant growth and cultural care.

I utilize OregonFlora on a regular basis and recommend it to gardeners and land owners for a reliable resource on Oregon's native plant materials. The databases are a wealth of information for researchers and professionals but are also accessible for parties new to plant identification and taxonomy.

I urge you to support House Bill 3173 to ensure the resources of OregonFlora can continue to support research and native plant conservation in Oregon.

Sincerely,

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