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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

I would like to add support for HB3173, which will establish OregonFlora in statute and initiate a sustainable funding stream that will make it possible for OregonFlora to continue providing essential Oregon plant research and information that is free and accessible online.

As members of the public (and recent deliberate returnees to Oregon after a long absence), my household and I value the natural beauty and wildlife here. We are doing as much as we can to add native plants to our yard, hoping that our stewardship of one little patch of earth can help contribute to the health of our part of Oregon.

OregonFlora has been a tremendously useful resource in our decision-making. The website is beautiful, comprehensive, and accurate. Information from OregonFlora has also allowed us to directly support at least six native plant nurseries and/or seed businesses in Oregon, as we have gathered native plants and seeds for our yard.

We deeply appreciate the existence of OregonFlora, and we hope it will continue to be updated and publicly available for a very long time.

Thank you for considering support for HB3173.