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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3173

I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3173, which seeks to secure funding for the OregonFlora program at Oregon State University. I have three acres in Eugene which I am trying to restore from blackberry to native plants. OregonFlora has been invaluable in helping me determine whether the plants I find growing on my property are native or invasive, and in knowing how to either encourage them or remove them. I also use iNaturalist to record information about plants that I find while hiking on public land, and often I refer to OregonFlora for more information about what I have found.

Oregon's economy depends upon its botanical resources. Healthy forests, productive rangelands, agricultural operations, outdoor recreation sites, and native plant horticultural businesses all need reliable data which OregonFlora provides. Please support HB 3173.