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For any state agency addressing natural resources, OregonFlora is the resource that gives workers tools to locate, identify, and understand PLANT communities, native species, rare plants, and invasive/noxious weeds statewide. State agencies use its data and interactive website oregonflora.org regularly and need it to meet their missions.

Keep OregonFlora cutting-edge for the modest investment of \$400K/biennium. Keep decades of knowledge at work for agencies and businesses that don't have the time, resources, nor expertise to do so. These resources will only be needed MORE as time goes on.

Plant diversity information (like mapping information and taxonomy) changes regularly, and the data needs continuous updating and ongoing stewardship to remain effective. This bill will allow OregonFlora's 31 year-investment in plant data management and sharing to provide uninterrupted support for all stakeholders across government, business, education, and residents statewide.

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