

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee,

I, Sarah Hale-Meador am pleased to offer my support for HB 2574.

Traditional burial methods can be prohibitively expensive and are detrimental for the environment. For decades, Oregon has been a leader in sustainability and green living. We promote replanting trees to replenish forests, household recycling, and even alkaline hydrolysis. Expanding ecological death care options not only provides more options to Oregonians, but will help keep Oregon green. The thought of returning to the earth upon death is the most reassuring option and provides loved ones the opportunity for a meaningful connection at burial. Oregonians deserve more green burial options and Oregon needs us to treat it well.

As a lifelong Oregonian who wants the best for our beautiful state, I ask for your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,  
Sarah Hale-Meador  
Gladstone, Oregon

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