

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee,

I, Mary Lucero-Larsen, am pleased to offer my full support for HB 2574. This legislation would allow a natural disposition of remains by natural organic reduction (NOR), gently converting human remains into soil in an accelerated process.

I am a lifelong Oregonian and am proud of the bipartisan concern we have for our environment and the many actions we have taken to preserve it. These burial options add another tool to protect our environment and give a natural burial choice to those who do not own land. I am choosing the NOR burial option for myself and want to stay in my home state to make those arrangements. Please vote to give Oregonians this important option for a sustainable and affordable burial.

HB 2574 would create an additional option for death care practice that is more environmentally-friendly and sustainable. For the above reasons, I ask for your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,  
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