

Dear Chair Patterson and Members of the Committee,

I, Monica Van Steenberg am pleased to offer my support for HB 2574.

I plan to live in Oregon until I die and I would like the option to be composted by Recompose. I've already started paying for this service, but as of right now my family will have to pay to move my body to Washington to be turned into compost. This method of processing my dead body is far less damaging to the environment and allows my family to choose how to use my remains, always able to honor my wish that my body give back to the earth rather than polluting it further. The great state of Oregon has already done so much to offer us dignity in death and to provide environmental leadership, and I strongly support the continuation of this precedence by approving this bill.

Best,
Monica Van Steenberg