

Dear Members of the House Committee on Business and Labor,

Ever since I learned (a few years ago) that the state of Washington had this new, ecological and climate-friendly death care process called Natural Organic Reduction (i.e. the composting of human remains into soil) I have been wishing for it to become available here in Oregon, where I live. I know that the first step is to legalize the process in the state, so when I heard that Oregon was considering this very thing, with HB 2574, I jumped at the opportunity to express my heartfelt support!

With accelerating climate change, we need alternatives to cremation, a decidedly non-environmentally friendly process. We need more sustainable death care options. If Washington can do this, Oregon can as well! HB 2574 would open the door to this more environmentally-friendly and sustainable death care practice, so again, I wholeheartedly I ask for your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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