
Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I, Mary Lou Stebbins wholeheartedly support 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 have taken this time of quarantine to try to get some of my affairs in order—updating a will, revisiting financial status, donating to charities, setting up an advanced directive...just in case. One source of frustration is the difficulty of finding what I see is an appropriate method to dispose of my own remains. I have long been interested in natural organic reduction but find it is not currently an option. In this day of heightened awareness of our responsibility to future generations and to this planet itself, it is important to make environmentally sound decisions even at death. Supporting this bill simply makes sense.

Oregonians are looking for more sustainable death care options. 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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