

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I write to offer my 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.

For every person who chooses natural organic reduction over conventional burial or cremation, one metric ton of carbon dioxide is prevented from entering the atmosphere.

Oregonians care about sustainability in all sorts of ways - and more death care options fits right into that interest in and commitment to sustainability. 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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