

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I, Celina Anderson, am pleased 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.

Diversifying almost always results in a positive change, whether it be among a workforce, financial portfolio, or options for what can be done with bodies after death. Having the option to be reclaimed by the earth to become healthy soil is not only good for the environment - soil is vital for an ecosystem to thrive as it regulates moisture, sequesters carbon, and sustains plants - but can offer a person a special peace as they near the end of their life, knowing that they are to be gently returned to the earth that sustained them.

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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