

Dear Committee on Business and Labor:

I'm writing in support of HB2574, primarily because it would reduce carbon emissions, dependence on fossil fuels, and offer Oregonians like myself a green alternative in the burial industry. It has long been my dream to be returned to the earth in composted soil form, as nourishment for the trees and the other things around me that are left living. There is no reason to bury people in concrete, preserved with chemicals, and taking up plots of land that are never used for anything else. The ultimate nod of respect to the Earth for the life it gave us is to return ourselves to it safely and with ecosystem value. Please pass this bill.

Thank you,
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