

Dear Chair Holvey and other members of House Committee on Business and Labor,

My name is Robert Peter Mogielnicki. I live at 3741 NE 35th Avenue, Portland, Oregon and I enthusiastically support HB 2574. This legislation permits the disposition of human remains by the process of natural organic reduction

I was born in January, 1941 and as an octogenarian, one begins to think seriously about what comes next. While I am fairly confident that something happens to my spirit, I have rather dreaded my physical remains moldering alone in a cold coffin or burning to a crisp in a crematorium's oven. The idea that what is left of me when my spirit departs will get promptly recycled back into a living ecosystem rather than slowly releasing toxic chemicals into the earth or adding more greenhouse gas to the atmosphere gives me great solace.

I consider myself a fairly mainstream individual and I can only wonder why natural organic reduction has not been universally available for years now that urban density makes it no longer possible to put unembalmed grandpa to rest under the apple tree in the back 40. Many, many of my friends are also enthusiastic about being able to have this alternative available as a choice.

I assure you that many Oregonians are seeking more sustainable death care options. HB 2574 will create such an option that is much more environmentally friendly and aligned with the values and beliefs of many citizens.

Sincerely yours,

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