

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I, Racheal Joy Erickson 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.

It is very important to me to keep my footprint on earth to a minimum, to "leave no trace", if you will. The current state of the death care industry in the U.S. has extremely limited options for anyone wanting something more environmentally friendly than standard burial or cremation. I have been using resources taken from the planet for my entire life and I am hopeful that with the passing of HB 2574, there will be options available for the disposition of my remains which allow me to pay a little of that back.

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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