

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to offer my strong 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.

As someone who feels tremendous alarm at the inertia of our institutions in adopting powerful, innovative climate and land solutions, I have long realized that every single citizen must do everything we can with our one, short human life to preserve our planet and community for all who follow after us. Becoming pollution from cremation or pollution through burial is not part of the legacy I wish to leave, and that's why I was thrilled to learn of NOR as truly the cleanest and most sustainable process of death care.

I am not alone. 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. Thank you for your support of this important legislation.

With gratitude,  
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