

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I, Maureen Dannen, 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.

Oregon is moving toward a greater awareness of sustainability and what that means in all areas of our lives, how we can make better choices. This is no different. I hope that I will have an option for the final disposal of my body that will actually benefit the planet and those I leave behind. Traditional burials and cremation both have enormous deleterious effects on the environment. My last final choice has the potential to be one of the most important I make, and I respectfully ask that you allow me to make that meaningful choice by passing this legislation.

Again, I don't think I'm alone in stating that Oregonians are looking for more sustainable death care options. HB 2574 would create that additional option. Please support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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