

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I would like to offer enthusiastic support for extending the option of "natural organic reduction" to the State of Oregon. This process is now legally available in the State of Washington and is in the legislative pipeline for approval in several other states. I have followed the development of the first company to offer this option - Recompose - since it was first developed as the non-profit Urban Death Project. The goals were several: to develop a death care option that was meaningful; that was related to the fact that urban areas can no longer support cemetery space; that would counteract the poisoning of our air, water and land by using a more natural system for the disposal of human bodies. All of this has been accomplished in Washington and should be available here to residents of our state as well.

Thank you for considering this bill.

Sincerely,

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