

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

My name is Nora Lehmann, and I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 2574. This bill would allow a natural disposition of remains by natural organic reduction (NOR), gently converting human remains into soil in an accelerated process.

There are many reasons why I think this bill makes sense. I am personally active in advocating for urgent action on climate change, and cremations use a tremendous amount of energy and create GHG emissions, so I would very much like to see more environmentally friendly methods of death-care made legal.

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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