

Dear Honorable Senators,

I write in strong support of HB 2574 - recently passed by the Oregon House. This bill will legalize the process known as Natural Organic Reduction whereby a deceased body is placed in an organic mix of wood chips and alfalfa and allowed to naturally transform to excellent nutrient-rich soil - in the process producing considerably less greenhouse gas than cremation, consuming fewer natural resources than conventional burial and putting no toxic chemicals into the earth as is the case with conventional embalming.

A similar bill was passed by the Washington legislature and signed into law in 2020 and there are already two facilities offering this service in that state. Both are already heavily oversubscribed.

This bill will simply offer Oregon citizens an additional death care choice. It is my personal choice for death care - allowing my final act on this earth to support the environment which has supported me for the past 80 years.

Sincerely,

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