

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I, Carroll Smith 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.

Having grown up on a farm I realize that death is a process of the life circle. I feel that a traditional funeral is, with the processes and materials involved are a desecration of the human body and a waste of are earthly resources. End of life can be celebrated with the return of a loved to our mother earth in the form of compost. Let's move forward and promote this option to allow a dignified way to move our bodies back to the earth.

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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