

Dear Chair Holley and members of the Committee,

I, Shannon Diez, 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.

I have been studying different ways of what to do with my body after I die for several years and want to respect the environment the best way possible. I think that cremation pollutes a lot and I do not want chemicals from embalming my body to be introduced into the soil. Another option might be a natural burial but it would take up so much room. So I think this way which is so gentle on the earth is a choice I would like to have.

Oregonians like me 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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