

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I, Diane Nauertz, 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.

Oregon has always been a leader in teaching the country how to live sustainably, until now. Nearly two years ago Governor Inslee signed into law SB5001 which made Washington State the first in the WORLD to legalize natural organic reduction. California and Colorado are close behind. Let's not pass up this opportunity to join those enlightened enough to work hard to help battle climate change and save this planet from further harm. Furthermore, Covid-19 has made us all more aware of our own impending mortality. While researching death care options I discovered NOR and after investigation I decided that it was the right fit for me. I am sure many other Oregonians would feel the same and wish to have this option available to them as well.

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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