

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I, Jennifer DeBruler 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 believe as Oregonians that we have a duty to keep this state as beautiful and livable as possible for future generations, and frankly, the disposal of bodies is a huge issue. During the pandemic, deaths have risen, and when folks choose to be buried they're not only leeching chemicals into the soil, but taking up valuable land. Cremation is also an option, but again, the environmental impact is still large from the smoke the crematoriums release.

I would LOVE to be disposed of here in Oregon and not have to plan for my loved ones to ship me up to Washington in order to get the disposal I want. I want to have the option of alkaline hydrolysis or organic reduction available to me. Just because someone may not agree with it doesn't mean they have to use it. But I deserve to have the option I want 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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