

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I, Sallie Tisdale, strongly support 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 a nurse for more than 35 years and have worked much of that time in long-term care, oncology and palliative care. I am trained as an End of Life educator. I am also an author and my most recent book, "Advice for Future Corpses," is a frank discussion of how to prepare for death. I include a long discussion of our options for body disposal. Conventional methods are bad for the environment in many ways. We need sustainable methods. Natural organic reduction is exactly what it says: the most natural and the most common way the planet takes care of dead bodies of all kinds. We are also animals and this method works for us. The research is clear and Oregon should get on this train.

This bill does not require anyone to make such a choice. It simply expands our choices in a safe and sustainable way. For the above reasons, I ask for your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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