

Dear Chair Holvey and Members of the Committee,

I, Lori Gates 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 am a Master Recycler and I have been trained by Metro on the impact of humans on the earth with our wasteful practices. I personally hope to allow my remains to go into the soil rather than take up valuable land in a cemetery plot. I also don't wish to be cremated by fire using a lot of unnecessary energy. I strongly believe that humans should decompose as nature intended and have their remains returned to the soil to help fertilize the earth. At this stage of human development, energy and land are precious and we need to give up our selfish traditions that don't make any sense in our modern world.

Oregonians are looking for more sustainable death care options. HB 2574 would create an additional option for deathcare 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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