

Representative Mitch Greenlick
Chairman, House Health Care Committee

Date: April 9, 2013

Re: Support for HB 3345

Dear Chair Greenlick, members of the committee:

For the record my name is David Bone and I'm the president of the Oregon Funeral Directors Association (OFDA), and past chair of the board of directors for Donate Life NW, an organization which encourages and advocates for organ and tissue donation.

HB 3345 is vital legislation, which serves to preserve the dignity and protection of deceased Oregonians and their grieving families. While the funeral industry is regulated and overseen at the state and federal levels, non transplant research recovery organizations have appeared to stay under the radar when it comes to regulatory oversight.

It is the OFDA's position that anyone who has contact with deceased Oregonians and their families should be accountable to a state level regulatory board that has the authority to require that minimum standards of practice are met, as well as the authority to inspect facilities, paperwork, and professional practices. Subsequently, that oversight will then provide an avenue for education, or for disciplinary action if necessary.

In short, the OFDA is asking for non transplant research recovery organizations to be held to the same ethical & regulatory standards that our industry adheres to. This vital protection for the well being of Oregon's death care consumers is long overdue, and the OFDA encourages the swift passage of HB 3345.

Respectfully

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