

Senator Laurie Monnes-Anderson  
Chair, Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee

Re: Support for HB 3345

Date: May 13, 2013

**Dear Chair Monnes-Anderson and members of the committee:**

**For the record, my name is Wally Ordeman and I'm the lobbyist for the Oregon Funeral Directors Assn. (OFDA), and a 5<sup>th</sup> generation funeral director from Albany.**

**Having entered into the record our support of HB 3345 on the House side, I won't reiterate many of the same points I've made in previous testimony. However, I'd like to stress one key point that needs to be made regarding non-transplant recovery organizations and this legislation.**

**The OFDA believes that ANY entity that takes possession of deceased human remains in the State of Oregon should be held accountable to state level oversight for the protection of all Oregonians. Just as all funeral homes, funeral directors, crematories, and cemeteries are currently.**

**The current broken links in this chain of oversight are troubling to our respected industry that answers to federal, as well as multiple state agencies and boards. Oregonians deserve to know that they are trusting their loved ones to organizations and entities that are compliant not only with Oregon law, but also to the ethics of an industry that provides full disclosure and transparency to Oregon's consumers.**

**While we struggle to accept the rationale in which the amendments to HB 3345 have exempted hospitals performing the same services as NTARRO's, the bottom line is that any current and future Nontransplant Anatomical Research Recovery Organizations will be overseen by the State of Oregon. The OFDA can accept that.**

**The OFDA supports HB 3345 and encourages its swift passage through the Senate.**

Respectfully,

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