

Good morning Representative Greenlick, Tyler, and Debbie,

My name is Wally Ordeman and I'm a funeral director in Albany and the contract lobbyist for the Oregon Funeral Directors Association (OFDA).

I'm sending this email because HB 2093 is slated for a 1pm hearing and possible work session today and I'm unable to attend the hearing. I have sent this very lengthy bill, plus the dash 1 amendment to the OFDA board for review, but I can already see many issues with regard to the **functionality and implementation** of this potential new law. I recognize that this new language is intended to bring uniformity to vital statistics throughout the country, but it is obvious that funeral directors, who work with vital statistics documentation daily, were not consulted when this was put together.

There are many examples I could site, but one glaring example is the use of the wording "Report of Death." A *report of death* and the *death certificate* are two separate documents. The **report of death** is the initial notification to the county/state that a death has occurred. It's a small postcard size card that only provides basic information of the deceased and is sent to the county of death within 24 hours of a death. The **death certificate** is signed by the medical certifier and then filed with the county/state. The two are not interchangeable, yet the dash 1 amendment appears to blur that distinction.

There are **other concerns** with this bill and amendment, but with the hearing taking place today, I'll not go into those concerns.

The OFDA would be happy to work with the Oregon Health Authority, as well as the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board to make this a more functional law. As the bill/amendment stands right now, there would be no chance of the funeral directors in Oregon being supportive of its passage.

Thank you very much for your time,

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