

**DEATH CARE: Oregon
Mortuary & Cemetery Board**

HB2471 & HB2472

House Business & Labor Committee

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HB2471: Entry to the Field of Death Care

Examination, Apprenticeship, Internship & Reciprocity

HB2471: Origins

- Death Care Community Stakeholder Planning Sessions
 - Develop Agency Strategic Plan
 - Day Long, Annual Sessions
 - All Stakeholders Invited
 - Detailed Surveys also Distributed to all Stakeholders
- Identified as a Top Concern

HB2471: Drivers

- Shifts in the Industry, Disposition Preference & Economic Drivers
 - “Come to Portland” Not Viable for all Testing & Education
 - Preference to Stay In Community
 - Interest from Older Workforce
 - Aging Workforce: Need for More Practitioners
 - Reduced Embalming Preference
 - Centralization of Embalming Services
 - Practitioner Movement between States
 - Unemployment; Gaps in Practice
- Educational Practice; Assessment & Distribution
 - Competency-based assessment
 - Distance Learning

HB2471: What the Bill Does

- Legislative Counsel Modernizes Language Throughout
- Sections 1, 2 & 3: Funeral Service Practitioner
 - Allow Test to be Conducted by 3rd Party (Available Throughout State)
- Sections 4, 5 & 6: Embalmer
 - Allow for Entry into Field for Qualified Applicants without Mandating AA Degree (for example, Pathologist)

HB2471: What the Bill Does

- Sections 7 & 8: Reciprocity
 - Allow for Transfer of Qualified Apprenticeships
 - Change 3 Year Minimum to 1 Year
- Pending Amendment p.4, lines 4-6
 - Remove “immediately” & add Longer Currency Requirement

HB2471: What the Bill Does

- Sections 9 & 10: Apprenticeship & Internship
 - Remove Fixed Limits on Number of Apprentices
 - Shift from Hours & Cases to Competency Assessment
 - Adds Clarification for Role of Supervisor or Preceptor
 - Allows for Other Internship Programs from Other Schools



HB2472: Allow For Self-Inspection Program

For Well-Qualified Licensees

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- Death Care Community Stakeholder Planning Sessions
 - Develop Agency Strategic Plan
 - Day Long, Annual Sessions
 - All Stakeholders Invited
 - Detailed Surveys also Distributed to all Stakeholders
- Identified as a Top Request
- Does NOT Replace Current Inspection Program
 - Designed as Incentive
- Program Qualifications to be Set by Rule

HB2472: Drivers

- Desire to Increase Involvement & Transparency
- Allow for Greater Risk-Based Inspection Focus
- Hands-On Educational Opportunity

HB2472: What the Bill Does

- Legislative Counsel Modernizes Language Throughout
- Sections 1: Removes Restriction
 - “Person Actively Engaged in Profession” or “Board Member”
- Sections 2: Repeals “Unnecessary” Sections
 - LC: Removes Sections Related to Inspection Authority Already Granted Elsewhere in a More Standard Manner