

Dear Chair Dembrow and Mr. Germer,

My name is Wally Ordeman and I represent the Oregon Funeral Directors Association (OFDA). House Bills 2471 and 2472 are being heard before your Senate Workforce Committee on Monday, and the OFDA supports both of these bills.

However, we feel that one fix needs to be made to the amendment language of HB 2471 that passed the House. That fix would be to change the title of “trainee” back to “apprentice.” This Apprenticeship title is much more descriptive of the professional nature of those entering the industry, and this term is generally accepted language throughout the country and the State of Oregon.

We strongly support House Bill 2471 and its goals, but would like to see the title of these professionals changed back to “apprentice.”

We also support HB 2472 and the goals of allowing firms with previous clean inspection records to provide self inspection documents to the OMCB. This process would not preclude the OMCB staff from doing on-site inspections, but would certainly be more efficient for Board staff and also allow them to more easily meet their mandated inspection schedules.

Thank you for hearing both of these bills. And Mr. Germer has my permission to enter this email into the public record as an exhibit if he so chooses. I will be at the hearing on Monday if further information is desired from the industry.

Sincerely,

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