

HB 3243

Relating to deceased persons

HB 3243 transfers the indigent disposition program from the Oregon Health Authority to the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board. The monies in the fund are created through the filing fee paid by funeral service practitioners for each initial filing of a death record in Oregon. The filing fee is \$20, of which \$14 funds the Mortuary and Cemetery Board, and \$6 goes to the indigent disposition fund to reimburse funeral practitioners for the disposition of indigent remains.

The Mortuary and Cemetery Board, through an interagency agreement, was already set to begin managing these indigent disposition funds for the Oregon Health Authority. This measure will actually transfer the statutory authority to the Mortuary and Cemetery Board and therefore requires \$378,000 of additional Other Funds limitation for the pass-through monies for indigent disposition. There is a corresponding reduction to the Other Funds limitation for the Oregon Health Authority to reflect the transfer of this program.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends HB 3243 be amended by the -B6 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.