

Dear Chair Beyer and members of the Senate Business and Transportation Committee:

Please accept this letter as on the record testimony for HB 2317.

HB 2317 was drafted in an effort to allow for the largest segment of our state's cemeteries (non-profit cemeteries) to be represented on the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board (Board), and also to provide a more flexible system for appointments to the Board while still maintaining the balance of industry representation and citizen involvement. We feel that HB 2317 does this and we support its passage. However, there are amendments proposed that are necessary for this to be accomplished. Evidently language was eliminated somewhere in the process that we'd like to see restored which will assure that licensed embalmers are represented, as well as either licensed funeral establishments or immediate disposition companies.

It is our understanding that these fixes are in the works, and with those remedies the OFDA is fully supportive of HB 2317.

(Rick Harvey, Executive Director of OFDA has been copied on this email)

**Thank you so much,
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