

HB 2317 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

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Meeting Dates: 4/24

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases, from three years to four years, the length of term for members of the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board. Modifies requirements for board member qualifications: one funeral service practitioner; one a representative of an immediate disposition company; one a representative of a licensed funeral establishment; one representative of a for-profit cemetery; one representative of a non-profit cemetery; one representative of a cemetery owned or operated by a local government; and one representative of a crematorium or other facility for final disposition of human remains.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

[-A3 amendment] Adds emergency clause.

FISCAL:

REVENUE:

[-A4 amendment] Merges board member slots for immediate disposition company and licensed funeral establishment representatives to require two members of either/both professions, and requires that at least one of the two also be a licensed embalmer.

FISCAL:

REVENUE:

BACKGROUND:

The Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board protects public health, safety and welfare by licensing registering and certifying individuals and businesses that work in the industry and by conducting inspections and enforcement activities. The Board is composed of eleven members, appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate, and employs a full-time staff of six: one executive director, one compliance manager, one investigator, one inspector, one office manager/licensing specialist, and one part-time administrative support position. The Board is self-supporting, deriving its funding from licensing, examination, and death certificate filing fees. Board members serve three-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

House Vote: 58-0