

HB 2317 B STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee On Business and Transportation

Carrier: Sen. Monroe

Action Date: 04/24/17
Action: Do pass with amendments to the A-Eng bill. (Printed B-Eng.)
Vote: 5-0-0-0
Yeas: 5 - Beyer, Girod, Monroe, Riley, Thomsen
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Increases, from three years to four years, the term of office for members of the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board. Modifies requirements for board member qualifications: one funeral service practitioner; two members who represent either an immediate disposition company or a licensed funeral establishment, at least one of which also being a licensed embalmer; 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. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Emergency clause will allow Board to fill three vacant positions
- Professions that are represented on the Board

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Merges board member spaces 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. Adds emergency clause.

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 currently serve three-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.