

HB 2123 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Housing and Development

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Meeting Dates: 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines historic cemetery as any burial place with remains of person or people who died at least 75 years before current date. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under current law, a historic cemetery is one that contains the remains of a person who died before February 14, 1909.

The Commission on Historic Cemeteries is responsible for, among other duties, assisting in the coordination of the restoration, renovation, and maintenance of historic cemeteries and for recommending to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) projects and funding to maintain and improve these cemeteries. The historic cemeteries program provides resources, including grants, to people and organizations who care for historic cemeteries. There are historic cemeteries in every county in Oregon.

House Bill 2123 defines historic cemetery as any burial place with the remains of a person or people who died at least 75 years before the current date. OPRD anticipates the change in definition will add approximately 100-200 cemeteries to those currently holding the historic designation.