

November 3, 2025

Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means Co-Chair Senator Kate Lieber Co-Chair Representative Tawna Sanchez

> Sent via email to: <u>Amanda.Beitel@oregonlegislature.gov</u> and Haylee.MorseMiller@oregonlegislature.gov

> > Re: OMCB's 2025-27 Agency Reduction Options

Dear Co-Chairs Lieber and Sanchez:

The Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board's mission is to protect public health, safety and welfare by fairly and efficiently performing its licensing, inspection and enforcement duties; by promoting professional behavior and standards in all facets of the Oregon death care industry; and, by maintaining constructive relationships with licensees, those they serve and others with an interest in the Board's activities.

Accompanying this cover letter is the Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board's 2025–27 Agency Reduction Options spreadsheet, which outlines the proposed 5 percent reduction, presented in 2.5 percent increments.

Because most of our agency's expenditures fall under Personal Services, the majority of required reductions would occur in this category, with additional savings drawn from Services and Supplies to meet the full 5 percent target.

A 2.5 percent reduction would eliminate 0.29 FTE from an Investigator 2 (Inspector) position totaling approximately \$77,383, thereby reducing inspection capacity and increasing the risk of noncompliance with ORS 692.320.

To achieve this level of reduction, our agency would also need to decrease spending on in-state travel, employee training, data processing, and IT expendable property by approximately \$11,684. These cuts would reduce the number of on-site facility inspections, limit staff development opportunities, and hinder the agency's ability to maintain technological efficiency.

A second 2.5 percent reduction would remove approximately 0.34 FTE additional from an Investigator 2 (Inspector) position totaling approximately \$89,067, substantially impairing our agency's ability to complete required inspections and potentially resulting in noncompliance with statutory mandates under ORS 692.320.



If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Thank you.

Cordially,

Chad Dresselhaus Executive Director

Oregon Mortuary & Cemetery Board (OMCB) 2025-27 Biennium															
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Detail of Reductions to 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget															
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Priority (ranked most to least preferred) Prgm/ Dept Div	Agency	SCR or Activity Initials	Program Unit/Activity Description	GF	LF	OF	NL-OF	FF	NL-FF	TOTAL FUNDS	Pos.	FTE	Gov. Reduction Target Yes / No	One-Time Yes / No	and outcomes. Please identify the source of Other Funds reductions.
1	ОМСВ		Personal Services & Services and Supplies: 2.5% reduction			89,067				\$ 89,067					Reducing an Investigator 2 (Inspector) position by approximately 0.29 FTE would decrease the agency's inspection capacity and could lead to noncompliance with statutory requirements under ORS 692.320. Additional cuts to in-state travel, employee training, data processing, and IT expendable property would further impair overall agency operations.
2	ОМСВ		Personal Services: 2.5% reduction			89,067				\$ 89,067					Reducing an Investigator 2 (Inspector) position by an additional 0.34 FTE would significantly decrease the agency's inspection capacity and could lead to noncompliance with the statutory requirements under ORS 692.320.
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2025-27 LAB - OMCB Reduction Options Form