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

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***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

2025-27 LAB	-	-	3,562,677	-	-	-	3,562,677
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### Detail of Reductions to 2025-27 Legislatively Adopted Budget

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Target (5%)	-	-	178,134
Difference	-	-	0