

January 27, 2025

Funeral Director Testimony
RE: House Bill 3127

It is with enthusiasm that I urge the passing of House Bill 3127.

I have worked in the funeral industry for nearly 20 years, and have personally experienced the transition of death records from type-written documents to electronic records.

The benefits of all-electronic processes pertaining to death registries include, but are not limited to:

The time from arrangement conference to having certified death certificates in-hand may be a fraction of that if otherwise dropped to paper, and driven by courier.

The likelihood of hardcopy documents being lost or damaged during the physical transport process is eliminated entirely.

Death records may be sent for medical certification while the funeral director is still reviewing the document with the client family, allowing the physician to begin their process much sooner than when we must wait to print the final, family-approved version of the record for physical transport and signature.

Families may handle important business, for which the certified death certificate is required, immediately.

The burning of fossil fuels, used to power the courier vehicles, will be significantly reduced.

I have worked with countless families to whom I was able to hand certified death certificates a mere 24 hours following the arrangement conference solely due to the electronic death registry system.

I am optimistic, and excited, for the future of an efficient, and all-electronic death registry system in the state of Oregon.

Sincerely,



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