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**To:** Education Subcommittee

**From:** Kim To, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** May 19, 2021

**Subject:** HB 2120 – Relating to State Mortuary and Cemetery Board death report fees.  
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2120 increases the death report filing fee from \$20 to \$30 for each report. The Board is required deposit the amount received into the State Mortuary and Cemetery Board Account, established under ORS 692.375. The amount of the fee increase shall be used to reimburse funeral establishments for the dispositions of unclaimed deceased indigent persons. The fee increase applies to any fee imposed on or after the measure takes effect on January 1, 2022. The measure is intended to stabilize the Indigent Disposition Program (IDP) Fund. The IDP provides funeral establishments and immediate dispositions companies with reimbursement for costs incurred while providing services for the disposition of indigent decedents.

In Fiscal Year 2020, IDP reimbursement claims exceeded death filing fee revenues causing the IDP Fund to operate at a deficit. According to the Board, the deficit in 2020 combined with the projected annual increase of reimbursement claims have created the need for the death filing fee increase in this measure. The fee increase is anticipated to raise \$728,873 Other Funds in revenues for the 2021-23 biennium.

The measure previously had a hearing in the House Committee on Business and Labor on 2/3/2021 and 3/8/2021, and was reported out with a do pass recommendation.

### Final Subcommittee Action

MOTION: I move HB 2120 to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation.  
(VOTE)

### Carriers

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Floor: \_\_\_\_\_