

**HB 2123 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**  
**Senate Committee On Housing and Development**

**Carrier:** Sen. Jama

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**Action Date:** 04/22/21  
**Action:** Do pass.  
**Vote:** 4-1-0-0  
**Yeas:** 4 - Anderson, Golden, Jama, Patterson  
**Nays:** 1 - Linthicum  
**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** No revenue impact  
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**Meeting Dates:** 4/20, 4/22

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**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:**

- Provisions of measure

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Commission on Historic Cemeteries is responsible for assisting with the restoration, renovation, and maintenance of historic cemeteries, among other duties, and for recommending projects and funding to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD) to maintain and improve these cemeteries. OPRD's Historic Preservation Office administers the Historic Cemeteries Program to provide resources to individuals and organizations that maintain historic cemeteries. There are historic cemeteries in every county in Oregon. Historic cemeteries are currently defined as those that contain the remains of persons who died before February 14, 1909.

House Bill 2123 expands the definition of historic cemeteries to include 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 will allow approximately 100-200 additional cemeteries to apply for an historic designation.