



Health Department

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House Committee on Business and Labor
900 Court St. NE - Remote E
Salem, Oregon 97301

Re: HB 2120 - Increases death report fee imposed by State Mortuary and Cemetery Board

Chair Holvey, Vice-Chairs Bonham and Grayber, and members of the Committee, my name is Kimberly DiLeo and I am the Chief Deputy Medical Examiner for the Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office . Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2120.

HB2120 proposes an increase to the filing fee for death certificates, which supports funds for indigent burial and cremation. Despite population growth and increased indigent burials/cremations, the fund has not been increased for many years. Indigent disposition has been steadily increasing over the years and recently, we experienced an increase in indigent burials/cremations as a direct result of the pandemic, which depleted the existing fund. The increase is necessary so that families experiencing financial hardship are able to make disposition arrangements for their loved ones.

Thank you for your time and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

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