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Members of the Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue

Dear Senators,

I ask your support of Senate Bill 252.

I believe the Housing Tax Associated with recording Death Certificates does not align with the purpose of the Fee.

Oregonians pay the Housing tax as many as six time on the same property, when recording documents, most of those documents are due to choices made, such as purchasing a home, and refinancing a home.

Recordation of the Death Certificate of one's spouse is certainly not a choice, and it happens at the most difficult time in one's life.

As A County Clerk in Oregon, we see first-hand at our counters how difficult this is for individuals and how they often forego the process when learning of the exorbitant fee for recording the document.

I would even favor an amendment exempting the document from recording fees as a whole, as the legislature has done for recording Military Discharges. I believe the recording of a Death Certificate warrants the same respect.

I ask your support for and do-pass recommendation of SB 252.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derrin Robinson".

Derrin (Dag) Robinson, CCC
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