

## **SB 872 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

### **Senate Committee On Judiciary**

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#### **WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure authorizes the State Mortuary and Cemetery Board to issue reprimands, license limitations, and conditions of probation in licensee disciplinary actions, allows emergency suspensions, increases the per violation civil penalty cap to \$5,000, and permits the Board to assess the costs of the disciplinary proceedings. The measure sets notice and time requirements that the Board must adhere to, and clarifies that disciplinary proceedings are contested case proceedings under the Administrative Procedures Act. It also makes conforming amendments to statutes authorizing trainee registrations and certificate of removal registrations.

#### **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

#### **EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The State Mortuary and Cemetery Board (Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board, or OMCB) is responsible for the licensure and discipline of funeral service practitioners, embalmers, death care consultants, funeral establishment operators, cemetery operators, crematory operators, and alternative disposition facilities. Persons may not engage in the unlicensed practice of these professions in Oregon. The OMCB must inspect each licensed facility -- currently numbering 756 -- at least one once every two years. [ORS 692.320](#). Upon a complaint or its own motion, the OMCB is authorized to investigate licensee violations listed in [ORS 692.180](#) and to issue discipline and civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation. Trainees in these professions are permitted under the direct supervision of a licensed professional, and the OMCB may also suspend or revoke trainee registration if the trainee has violated the provisions of ORS 692.180. The OMCB may be represented by the Oregon Department of Justice in disciplinary hearings and appeals and be charged hourly [rates](#) for legal services rendered pursuant to [ORS 180.160](#).