## HB 3729 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

# House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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# WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits the Department of Environmental Quality, the Environmental Quality Commission, or a regional air quality control authority from requiring a person to operate a crematory incinerator at a temperature greater than 1,600 degrees Fahrenheit. It takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact
REVENUE: No revenue impact

## **ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

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

No amendment.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

Oregon's cremation laws are governed by the Department of Environmental Quality's administrative rules (OAR chapter 340, division 230). These rules set emissions standards for crematories and specify what can be done with cremated remains. Cemetery authorities, crematory operators, and licensed funeral service practitioners must comply with these regulations.