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Thank you Chair Lively and members of the House Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment for allowing my testimony in support of HB 3729. For the record my name is Holly Houston and I own/operate Columbia Funeral Home in St. Helens, and am the immediate past president of the Oregon Funeral Directors Association (OFDA).

HB 3729 is a much needed and long overdue remedy to the mandate to operate crematories in Oregon at an unnecessary 1800 degrees. The science has proven that this practice is inefficient and wasteful, and the rest of the country has rightfully adopted the 1600 degree standard. Less use of fuels, less particulate matter discharge into the air, and reduced safety concerns for technicians are just a few of the reasons this legislation makes sense, along with the fact that studies have shown that the 1600 degree standard cremates our deceased citizens more efficiently and in the same or less time.

This is a win for the citizens of Oregon and I highly recommend your support of HB 3729.