

Submitter: Gary Collins

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3729

- Chair Lively and members of the committee,
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- My name is Craig Collins. I own and operate Portland Cremation Center. We provide funeral and cremation services to funeral homes throughout the metro area.

It would seem like you've commented that the troubles with 1800 degrees for you is that the crematories are not designed to operate efficiently at such high temperatures, so maybe something like this.

- I fully support the passage of HB-3729. Reducing operating temperatures from 1800F to 1600F for my crematories would be a game changer. It would shorten cremation time, decrease visible emissions (smoke), and lower natural gas consumption at our facilities. Washington State and California are allowed to operate at 1600F, so it doesn't make sense that we are stuck (in the middle) at 1800F, especially with the new understanding about carbon emissions.

I wholly support the passage of HB-3729.

- Respectfully submitted,

Gary Craig Collins