

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 3243 - B6

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Measure Description:

Permits funeral establishment to take custody of unclaimed body of indigent person.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Mortuary and Cemetery Board, Oregon Health Authority (OHA)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Agency – Fund Type	2015-2017 Biennium	2017-2019 Biennium
Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board – Other Funds	\$378,000	--
Oregon Health Authority – Other Funds	(\$378,000)	--

Local Government Mandate:

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

Analysis:

The measure shifts the indigent disposition program from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) to the Oregon Mortuary and Cemetery Board (OMCB). The revenue claims received are passed through via this fund. The monies in the fund are created through the filing fee paid by funeral service practitioners for each initial filing of a death record in Oregon. The filing fee is \$20, \$14 of which funds the OMCB and \$6 goes to the indigent disposition fund which reimburses funeral practitioners for the disposition of indigent remains.

OMCB, through an interagency agreement, is already set to begin managing these funds for OHA in the 2015-17 biennium. OMCB's budget bill (HB 5023) included an FTE increase and reclassification of a permanent position to administer the fund. Since this bill would officially transfer the program, OMCB will require additional Other Funds limitation to distribute the funds previously collected and distributed through OHA with a corresponding decrease in Other Funds limitation included for OHA.