



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2025 Biennium

Bill information:

HB0932 - Revise funeral services licensing and death certificate reporting laws (Read, Joe)

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2024</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2025</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2026</u> <u>Difference</u>	<u>FY 2027</u> <u>Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	(\$3,558)	(\$3,558)	(\$3,558)	(\$3,558)
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: HB 932 will repeal the Board of Funeral Services and move the professional licensing and disciplinary functions to the Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) to oversee as a program. The fiscal impact will be the cost to repeal certain rules and amend others, as well as technology costs. With the repeal of the board, there will be a negative fiscal impact in the monies currently spent for board member per diem and for reimbursement of travel costs, both in and out of state.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- There will be costs for the repeal of the current rules for the Board of Funeral Services and for the rules that will be written and adopted to transfer the oversight of all licenses, including the new Funeral Director license, to the Department of Labor & Industry (DLI). These costs will be absorbed by the department in planned and ongoing rule projects.


2. Based on a five-year average, the Board of Funeral Services had an average annual expense of \$1,500 in board per diem and \$2,058 in board member travel costs. With the repeal of the board, the total reduction in expenses is estimated at \$3,558, annually.
3. The board generates \$160,858 in revenue from applications and renewals annually, based on a five-year average. It is assumed that revenue will increase due to the addition of the Funeral Director license, but it is also assumed that the costs will increase with the additional requirements to the professional licensing bureau. At this time DLI is unable to estimate the additional revenue from this new license type, but fees for the Funeral Director license type will be set commensurate with costs.
4. There will be technology costs to cease activity for the board, including removal of online information on the board website as well as modification to forms and the licensing database, and creation of web information regarding the new program and department oversight. It is assumed these costs can be absorbed in the agency's current budget authority.

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<u>Fiscal Impact:</u>				
FTE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Personal Services	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)	(\$1,500)
Operating Expenses	(\$2,058)	(\$2,058)	(\$2,058)	(\$2,058)
TOTAL Expenditures	<u>(\$3,558)</u>	<u>(\$3,558)</u>	<u>(\$3,558)</u>	<u>(\$3,558)</u>
<u>Funding of Expenditures:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	(\$3,558)	(\$3,558)	(\$3,558)	(\$3,558)
TOTAL Funding of Exp.	<u>(\$3,558)</u>	<u>(\$3,558)</u>	<u>(\$3,558)</u>	<u>(\$3,558)</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL Revenues	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Funding of Expenditures):</u>				
General Fund (01)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	\$3,558	\$3,558	\$3,558	\$3,558

Technical Notes:

1. Section 10 references “the board” and subsequently removes a definition of “board” in reference to the board of funeral service. It is unclear if a different board will take on this responsibility or if the department is instructed to take on this duty.

2. Section 12(3)(d) states that a one-year apprenticeship qualifies an individual to receive a mortician license. Section 14 states that an individual may obtain a mortician’s license after a two-year apprenticeship or assisting in 50 embalmings. These provisions are in conflict.

_____ <i>Sponsor's Initials</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>	 _____ <i>Budget Director's Initials</i>	<u>3-29-23</u> <i>Date</i>
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