



BOARD OF FUNERAL SERVICES

Response to EIAC inquiry, May 13, 2014

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1. **Determine the cost savings if regulation of funeral services, cremations, and cemeteries were to be handled by the Department of Public Health and Human Services or another state agency for safety related to:**
 - a. **Handling of pacemakers and any radiation-containing components inserted into a body that ought not to remain inside if the body is to be cremated;**
 - b. **Safe disposal of human remains; and**
 - c. **Safe use of embalming fluids.**

Assume that the facilities (73 mortuaries, 14 mortuary branches, 33 crematories, 10 cemeteries) are **inspected, licensed,** and have **complaints processed** by another agency, the Board's anticipated cost reduction would be \$38,197, and revenue loss would be \$53,725.

Total FY13 Expenditures		\$185,307
Less:		
Inspection services ¹	\$16,200	
Licensing services ²	\$ 1,808	
Compliance services ³	\$ 3,554	
Investigation services ⁴	\$ 2,871	
Legal services ⁵	<u>\$13,764</u>	
Less Total Reduction		<u>\$ 38,197</u>
 Totals expected baseline expenditures		 <u>\$147,110</u>
 Total FY13 Revenues		 \$125,345⁶
Less:		
73 mortuaries * \$450 =	\$32,850	
14 mortuary branches * \$75 =	\$ 1,050	
33 crematories * \$450 =	\$ 14,850	
8 cemeteries * \$1,000 ⁷ =	<u>\$ 1,600</u>	
9 applications * \$375 =	\$ 3,375	
Less Total Lost Revenue		<u>\$ 53,725</u>
Totals expected baseline revenues		<u>\$71,620</u>

¹ Contracted price – completed 122 inspections in FY 13

² FY 13 processed 39 applications; 9 were for businesses = 23%. Total Licensing Bureau staff direct time reported was \$7,861. \$7,861*23%=\$1,808

³ In FY13 processed 42 complaints; 11 were on businesses = 26%. Total Compliance Unit staff direct time reported was \$13,671. \$13,671*26%=\$3,554.

⁴ In FY13 Investigation Units staff direct time reported was \$11,043. \$11,043*26%=\$2,871.

⁵ In FY13 Legal Unit staff direct time reported was \$52,939. \$52,939*26%=\$13,764.

⁶ Excludes \$73,400 of one-time-only assessment under grants/transfers/misc in FY13.

⁷ Cemeteries renewal fee (renew every 5 years) for FY 2010= \$1,000 *8 = \$1,600 deferred revenue annually.