

Economic Affairs Interim Committee
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the committee:

As a Montana Licensed Mortician, Crematory Operator and partner in a licensed Cemetery, I feel there is no need for a Board of Funeral Service in the state of Montana.

The Federal Trade Commission currently has rules in place to protect the public in regards to pricing and financial matters regarding funerals.

The Department of Occupational Safety and Health has rules to protect the employees of funeral homes from health and safety issues.

The Montana Department of Health and Human Services has rules in regard to care and handling of human remains and the filing and completion of Death Certificates.

Continuing education credits are given to individuals who attend dinners sponsored by various organizations, with no educational programs.

Members of the Board have used their position, to harass, intimidate and prevent competition.

Having been licensed as a Mortician since 1975, I can not recall that the Board has ever disciplined an individual or firm for any reason.

I believe this Board is a waste of money and a burden to the taxpayers and provides no protection to the public not provided elsewhere.

Thank you,



Mike Thompson