

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## HB 2010

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Changing provisions relating to historic cemeteries.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Ogden, McMorris and Romero; by request of Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development.

**House Committee on State Government**  
**Senate Committee on State & Local Government**

**Background:**

Historic and abandoned cemeteries are under the authority of the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation within the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development. Historic graves are described as graves that were placed outside a cemetery specifically designated as an abandoned or historic cemetery.

When an historic grave is disturbed through inadvertence, including through construction, the remains are to be re-interred under the supervision of the Cemetery Board, and paid for by the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation.

**Summary:**

The responsibility for re-interring historic graves that are inadvertently disturbed is transferred to the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. The office will provide the expense to re-inter a grave to the extent that funds are appropriated by the Legislature.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

House 96 0

Senate 48 0

**Effective:** July 25, 1999