
Local Government Committee

HB 1743

Brief Description: Concerning the disposition of the remains of a county resident who dies indigent in an adjacent county outside of Washington.

Sponsors: Representatives Schmick, Ryu and Graham.

Brief Summary of Bill

- A board of county commissioners may provide for the disposition of the remains of an indigent resident of the county who dies in an adjacent county outside of Washington.

Hearing Date: 1/19/22

Staff: Kellen Wright (786-7134).

Background:

The board of county commissioners is required to provide for the disposition of the remains of a person who dies indigent within the county and whose body is unclaimed by relatives or a church organization.

Human remains in Washington must be decently buried, undergo cremation, alkaline hydrolysis, or natural organic reduction within a reasonable time after death.

Summary of Bill:

The board of county commissioners may provide for the disposition of the remains of an indigent resident of the county who dies in a neighboring county that is not in Washington state.

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Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.