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**Letter of Support**

**SB 224 - Cemeteries - Burial-Transit Permits - Required Information**

SB 224 seeks to help families locate the cremated remains of their ancestors and loved ones by allowing for additional details regarding the final disposition of the cremated human remains to be added to the burial transit permit.

Currently, an ancestor's burial location is listed on the death certificate, typically identifying the cemetery the loved one is buried in. However, if the loved one was cremated, the final disposition listed on their death certificate is most likely the name of the crematory, which, in most instances, is not where the remains are placed.

SB 224 would require that a cemetery operator ensure the burial transit permit contains pertinent information which currently are not required, to include who received the cremated remains and their relationship to the cremated individual.

Having these details would dramatically increase the accuracy of these records and provide family members with the additional information necessary to assist them when locating their loved one's final resting place.

For the above reasons, the Department respectfully requests a **favorable report** by the Committee on SB 224.