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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sanchez, B. **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/16/11 **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Thanatopractice Direct Disposers **SB** 281
ANALYST Wilson

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY11	FY12		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General's Office (AGO)
Regulation and Licensing (RLD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 281 amends the Thanatopractices Act to expand the scope of practice of direct disposers. This bill will allow a direct disposer licensee the authority to do committal services, memorials and funerals with ceremains without embalming.

SB 281also changes the board membership makeup, replacing a public member with a direct disposer.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no fiscal implications.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The expanded scope of practice will allow a direct disposer to function at the same level of the current funeral service practitioner.

The qualification for a direct disposer and a funeral service practitioner are significantly

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different. A direct disposer only requires a high school diploma and jurisprudence exam, compared to a funeral service practitioner requires 60 college hours, mortuary school, internship and the jurisprudence exam.

The expansion of scope of practice for a direct disposer without expanding the education or training required is a significant issue

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