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Agenda Item 4
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Cemetery and Funeral Bureau Advisory Committee Meeting Legislation Update

Legislation Update for 2026

1. 2025 Legislation Chaptered

- a. [SB 777](#) (Richardson, Chapter 658, Statutes of 2025). Abandoned endowment care cemeteries: local agency possession and responsibility.
 - This bill revised the deadline for the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau (Bureau) to convene a workgroup related to abandoned cemeteries from July 1, 2027, to March 1, 2026. It also advanced the deadline for the Bureau to provide a report to the Legislature to June 1, 2026. The report is required to summarize the discussions of the workgroup and provide recommendations to ensure continued care, maintenance, and embellishment of abandoned cemeteries, including the possibility of requiring counties to assume responsibility. The bill also revised and provided more specificity as to the membership of the workgroup.
- b. [SB 861](#) (Consumer Affairs, Chapter 592, Statutes of 2025)
 - In addition to information on licensees described in existing law, the bill requires the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau to disclose information on licensed hydrolysis and reduction facilities on the internet.

Legislation Update as of April 14, 2026

2. Legislation Update

c. [SB 1312](#) (Richardson). Cemetery and Funeral Bureau: advisory committee.

- This bill would authorize the bureau to establish an advisory committee to assist the bureau in engaging consumers and licensees in its regulatory activities. The bill would require the advisory committee, if established by the bureau, to include at least one member from licensed representatives of the death care industry, members of the public, and representatives of local governments.

d. [SB 2542](#) (Patterson). Human remains: disposition.

- This bill, which may be known and cited as Marissa's Law, amends Health and Safety Code section 7100 to add a requirement that would pass on the right of control to the next of kin in accordance with existing law if a person with the right of control was subject to a restraining order for domestic violence against the deceased at the time of the decedent's death, or is a parent of the deceased and granting disposition rights to the person would have been contrary to the decedent's best interests.