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**To:** Members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee  
**From:** Mack Jones, Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs, LARA  
**Date:** May 14, 2024  
**Re:** Senate Bills 544 and 545 – Costs

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The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) is supportive of efforts to establish the licensure of refrigeration facilities and registration for removal services of dead human bodies. It would help ensure that both the public and the staff working in the deathcare industry are safer and would better protect the dignity of the deceased and their loved ones.

LARA appreciates the legislature's continued attentiveness to funding these critical programs. The Department anticipates the need for two new FTEs for this new licensing program based on the estimated workload presented by stakeholders. The FTEs would include a new regulation agent to conduct inspections and one department analyst to process applications and maintain license and registration documents. In total, the FTEs would cost the Department at most \$276,289, including retirement and benefits. It is crucial that LARA has the resources to enforce any new statutory requirements and can collect fees that cover new costs, including those associated with the licensing framework that would be established by SB 544 and SB 545.

LARA appreciates Senator Klinefelt, Chair Carter, and the committee for bringing this bill package forward. The Department looks forward to continued conversations on the bill package's cost. Committee members with questions can contact LARA's Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs at [LARA-LegislativeContact@michigan.gov](mailto:LARA-LegislativeContact@michigan.gov).