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Bentz Bill Allows More Choices for Married Names

SALEM— Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) introduced House Bill 3015, which allows more choices and freedom in choosing ones legal married name.

Under current state law, individuals with multiple last names have few choices regarding the name they wish to adopt should they marry.

Several District 60 County Clerks asked Rep. Bentz to submit a bill that would provide married couples the freedom to choose what their married last name should be. House Bill 3015 creates options for individuals wishing to add part, all, or none of their spouse’s last name to their last name.

Rep. Bentz said, “Oregon law has failed to serve Oregon’s diverse population by making the process of changing last names after marriage unnecessarily complicated. My County Clerks believe that this bill will simplify last name changes for marriage licenses.”

The bill, which has been referred to the House Committee on Rules, is being cosponsored by Rep. Esquivel (R-Medford) and Rep. Komp (D-Woodburn). It has not yet been scheduled for a hearing.

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