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**Whisnant Priority Constituent Bill Heads to Governor's Desk
HB 4056 Introduced at the Request of Deschutes County Clerk Nancy Blankenship**

Salem, OR—Having already passed the Senate on a unanimous vote, a bill sponsored by Rep. Gene Whisnant (R-Sunriver) passed the House today and is on its way to Gov. John Kitzhaber for his signature.

House Bill 4056 was introduced at the request of Deschutes County Clerk Nancy Blankenship, and prohibits a county clerk from recording a document that records a death filed in conjunction with owning or having interest in land if the document originated in Oregon and includes medical information related to the cause of death.

The bill originally passed the House Feb. 6 on a unanimous 59-0 vote, then with a simple amendment cleared the Senate Feb. 28 on a 30-0 vote. Today, the House concurred in the Senate amendments on a 58-0 vote, which sends HB 4056 to the governor's desk for passage into law.

“This issue was brought up to me by one of my local elected officials as something that needed to be done at the state level,” Rep. Whisnant said. “So I used one of my two priority bills for this short session to help Deschutes County Clerk Nancy Blankenship and our constituents.”

Rep. Whisnant said he was pleased at the broad level of support for HB 4056 throughout the entire legislative process.

“Despite being in the minority in the House and Senate, I’m glad that I can still move bills through both chambers,” Rep. Whisnant said. “I would like to thank my legislative colleagues from both sides of the aisle for their support of this measure. House Majority Leader Val Hoyle was a co-chief sponsor.”

Rep. Whisnant is serving his sixth term as State Representative for Redmond, Sunriver, Tumalo and parts of Bend and Deschutes County.