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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides either party to a marriage or domestic partnership additional choice to retain or change middle names, surnames, or combination of surnames, upon marriage or domestic partnership. Declares emergency; effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Limited options for choosing names at marriage
- Value of family names
- Potential for multiple identification and confusion with multiple name amendments

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Removes ability to retroactively change name through amendment of marriage or domestic partnership application and license. Allows parties to adopt one or more of the surnames of either party in marriage or domestic partnership.

BACKGROUND: Current Oregon law (ORS 106.220) allows both parties in a marriage to change their names upon marriage according to specific rules. Statute specifies the naming options, including retaining a party's surname, changing a surname to the other party's surname, or to combine surnames with a hyphen. Similar rules apply to name changes in registered domestic partnerships under ORS 106.335. The parties indicate their name changes on the marriage or domestic partnership application and such names become effective upon marriage or partnership. Any name changes after marriage or domestic partnership must follow a civil court procedure as outlined in ORS 33.410.

Senate Bill 406-A would expand the naming options provided to couples in marriage or domestic partnership.