

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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Action: Do Pass

Vote: 8 - 1 - 0

Yeas: Doherty, Johnson, Keny-Guyer, Lively, Richardson, Thatcher, Vega Pederson, Holvey

Nays: Smith

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 4/23, 5/16

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Allows party changing name due to marriage or domestic partnership to retain or change middle name and retain or change surname. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Heritage and other values attached to names
- Existing statutory limitation on name change options available at time of marriage or domestic partnership

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:** Existing statute 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 combining surnames with a hyphen. A similar statute applies to name changes in registered domestic partnerships. 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 allows a party certain additional name change options at the time of marriage or domestic partnership.