

The Association of Oregon Counties Support HB 3368

The Association of Oregon Counties (AOC) and the Association of Oregon County Planning Directors support HB 3368 in concept. AOC's understanding of the intention of the bill that when a person provides commercial wedding services as a home occupation in an exclusive farm use zone, a forest zone or a mixed farm and forest zone subject to the approval of the county, they may hold the wedding ceremony in an outdoor setting on the lot or parcel that the site of the home dwelling. AOC supports allowing a county to conditionally approve a wedding at farms, wineries and bed and breakfasts. The county will still be using the same review process to ensure the application is appropriate but this simply provides a clearer definition that the event can be outside and at one of those three types of venues. It has come to our attention that HB 3368 can be interpreted to provide more latitude for the counties for events other than weddings. AOC supports the original intent of HB 3368 and is willing to provide technical assistance to ensure that amended language would fit the needs of the counties and not be permissive beyond that need.

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