

Dear Sir or Ma'am:

As an Oregonian atheist, I'm asking you to please support HB 3483 allowing non-religious persons to perform marriages. My wife and I were recently married by a retired judge. We told him that it was to be a secular wedding. He changed some wording, but left other religious wording in and this was very upsetting to me. Part of the reason why I waited 15 years to get married was because I saw marriage as a religious ceremony. I was willing to get married only if it could be secular. Unfortunately, my wedding was not secular. Please vote in favor of HB 3483 in the Rules Committee so that it can move on for consideration by the full House. This is the only way that atheists can be assured that their marriages will be truly secular. These are hopefully once-in-a-lifetime events, so it's very important that they be done according to the couples' wishes.

Thank you,

Dennis Moss