

As a long-time resident of Oregon I urge you to approve HB 3483, due for hearing tomorrow. This bill would remove the religious requirement for persons (other than judiciary members) to perform legal marriages.

Other states allow non-religious persons and organizations to perform weddings. I performed three such wedding when I lived in a neighboring state, legal under their laws. In Oregon, however, I did not qualify to do so, since I was not a clergyman.

Please make our Oregon laws apply equally to all.

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