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**Written Testimony before the
Senate Judiciary Committee
In Support of House Bill 3015**

Chair Prozanski, Vice-Chair Kruse, and Senators Burdick, Gelser, and Thatcher,

Thank you for the opportunity to appear at today's hearing regarding House Bill 3015. The Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC) supports HB 3015, which adds options for name after marriage, or after entering into registered domestic partnership, and allows parties to retain or remove middle names and change surnames to one surname, or a combination of surnames.

- ♦ This bill enables folks to simplify their name taken after marriage. This bill accomplishes what we believed SB 406 from the 2013 legislative session was intended to do.
- ♦ In some Hispanic cultures, children are given two names for their official surname on their birth certificate.
- ♦ Under most circumstances, they use only one of the two surnames, and when married, intend to use only one, for example - "Mr. and Mrs. Martinez."
- ♦ Currently, there are differing interpretations of ORS 106.220, by Oregon Department of Justice, and County Counsels, making this process very inconsistent across the state.
- ♦ This change would allow, with clarity, the ability to take ONE surname, OR a combination of surnames of either or both parties.
- ♦ This bill will keep folks from having to petition the Circuit Court, at a fee of \$111, for a change of name to accomplish simply sharing the same name as their spouse.

The Oregon Association of County Clerk's urges you to support HB 3015.