

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

Fiscal: No Fiscal Impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 05/28/15

Action: Do Pass.

Meeting Dates: 05/28

Vote:

Yeas: 5 - Burdick, Gelser, Kruse, Prozanski, Thatcher

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Provides options for name change after marriage or after entering into registered domestic partnership. Declares emergency, effective upon passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Senate Bill 406 (2013) and minor clarifications added by House Bill 3015
- Varying interpretations of Senate Bill 406
- Simplification of name-change process
- Cultural considerations
- Desire of a single last name
- Financial cost of name change

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Under ORS 106.220, parties currently possess certain options for changing their name after getting married or entering into a registered domestic partnership. The name of each party after marriage as indicated on the application, license and record of marriage becomes the sole legal name of each party after marriage. If a party indicates a name change other than those allowed by ORS 106.220, the party must request approval of the court pursuant to ORS 33.410 and pay a fee.

House Bill 3015 provides additional options to change one's name after marriage or after entering into a registered domestic partnership. Specifically, it allows parties the option of taking one last name or a combination of last names of either or both parties.