## House Bill 3015

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## **SUMMARY**

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced.** 

Adds options for name after marriage or after entering into registered domestic partnership. Allows parties to retain or remove middle names and change surnames to one surname or combination of surnames.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

- Relating to names after entering into certain legal relationships; amending ORS 106.220 and 106.335; and declaring an emergency.
- 4 Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:
- 5 **SECTION 1.** ORS 106.220 is amended to read:
  - 106.220. (1) Upon entering into marriage, either party may:
- 7 (a) Retain the party's middle name, if any, and surname prior to the marriage;
- 8 (b) Retain the party's middle name, if any, and change the party's surname to the surname of 9 the other party;
  - (c) Either retain or remove the party's middle name, if any, and change the party's surname to **one surname or** a combination of [one or more of the] surnames, or names within the surnames, of either or both parties, with or without a hyphen;
  - (d) Change the party's middle name, if any, to the party's surname at birth or prior to the marriage; or
  - (e) Add to the party's middle name, if any, the party's surname at birth or prior to the marriage and change the party's surname to the surname of the other party.
  - (2) Each party must indicate on the application, license and record of marriage the party's name after marriage.
  - (3) The name of each party after marriage as indicated on the application, license and record of marriage shall become the sole legal name of each party after marriage. If a party indicates a name change other than as described in subsection (1) of this section, the party shall request approval of the court pursuant to ORS 33.410.
  - (4) As used in this section, "middle name" and "surname" mean a name that may consist of one or more different names.
    - **SECTION 2.** ORS 106.335 is amended to read:
- 26 106.335. (1) Upon entering into a domestic partnership, either party to the domestic partnership 27 may:
  - (a) Retain the party's middle name, if any, and surname prior to the domestic partnership;
  - (b) Retain the party's middle name, if any, and change the party's surname to the surname of the other party;

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [italic and bracketed] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

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- (c) Either retain or remove the party's middle name, if any, and change the party's surname to **one surname or** a combination of [one or more of the] surnames, or names within the surnames, of either or both parties, with or without a hyphen;
- (d) Change the party's middle name, if any, to the party's surname at birth or prior to the domestic partnership; or
- (e) Add to the party's middle name, if any, the party's surname at birth or prior to the domestic partnership and change the party's surname to the surname of the other party.
- (2) Each party must indicate on the Declaration of Domestic Partnership the party's name after domestic partnership.
- (3) The name of each party after domestic partnership as indicated on the Declaration of Domestic Partnership shall become the sole legal name of each party after domestic partnership. If a party indicates a name change other than as described in subsection (1) of this section, the party shall request approval of the court pursuant to ORS 33.410.
- (4) As used in this section, "middle name" and "surname" mean a name that may consist of one or more different names.

SECTION 3. This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect on its passage.