

House Committee On Judiciary

RE: HB 4127 - makes changes to statutes adding gender neutral language regarding marriage.

TO: Committee Members,

I point out that the Supreme Court decision is only an opinion and does not change the fact that the Oregon Constitution still states that marriage is between one man and one woman. It is not within the power of the legislature to change the constitution or make laws contrary to the constitution.

It seems to be the intent of the Democrat Party to vilify marriage in Oregon statutes for all Christians that hold the Word of God sacred. There is a compromise that would resolve many of the conflicts.

A few other states have seen fit to preserve the sacred Christian marriage for the church and have removed it from state statutes replacing it with joining together in a "Union" for the purposes it is used in laws. They have appropriately left marriage to the church as their sacred ceremony. I point out that "marriage" used in the statutes is a violation of the separation of church and state, and it's the state that has commandeered marriage.

"Marriage" is a Biblical uniting of a man and a woman only sanction by God from the beginning of time. The hijack by the Internal Revenue Service using marriage for tax purposes was sacreligious in the first place. Oregon accommodates same sex relationships in every way giving them equal benefits under the laws. This bill does nothing to further the equality they already have. This law has one purpose, and that is to belittle Christian values rubbing it in the face of Christians.

I encourage you to change statutes to eliminate marriage and identify all partnerships as Unions for legal relationships under the law and leave marriage to church ceremonies.

Please vote NO as this bill does not support the Oregon Constitution.

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