Senate Joint Resolution 33

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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.

Proposes amendment to Oregon Constitution to enumerate examples of rights, the denial or abridgement of which would violate existing constitutional guarantee of equality of rights. Makes conforming change to repeal constitutional policy of marriage being between one man and one woman.

Refers proposed amendment to people for their approval or rejection at special election held on same date as next regular general election.

JOINT RESOLUTION

Be It Resolved by the Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon:

PARAGRAPH 1. The Constitution of the State of Oregon is amended by repealing section 5a, Article XV, and by amending section 46, Article I, such section to read:

Sec. 46. (1) Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the State of Oregon or by any political subdivision in this state on account of sex, including but not limited to denial or abridgment of equal rights by any law, policy or action that discriminates, in intent or effect, based on:

(a) Pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes or related health decisions;
(b) Gender identity or related health decisions;
(c) Sexual orientation; or
(d) Gender.

(2) The Legislative Assembly shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this section.

(3) Nothing in this section shall diminish a right otherwise available to persons under section 20 of this Article or any other provision of this Constitution.

PARAGRAPH 2. The amendment proposed by this resolution shall be submitted to the people for their approval or rejection at a special election held throughout this state on the same date as the next regular general election.