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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2017
Session of Oregon Legislature:**

HB 2113: Support

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party supports this bill, which adds secular organizations to list of persons and entities authorized to solemnize marriages. Current law only allows government officials or a religious officials to do so. This discriminates against those who do not abide organized religion. And Oregon is among the states with the highest percentage of persons who do not practice religion. See: <http://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2016/02/29/how-religious-is-your-state/?state=oregon>

Religious profile of Oregon

45% (39th) say religion is very important in their lives
29% (42nd) say they attend worship services at least weekly
45% (47th) say they pray daily
57% (38th) say they believe in God with absolute certainty

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