

Submitter: James Hughes
On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Rules
Measure: SJR33

To the members of the Legislature of the Great State of Oregon,

I am writing to express my support for the Equal Rights for All amendment that is currently being considered. For too long, our state constitution has excluded a percentage of its constituents based on their sexual identity. In my opinion, the government has an obligation to provide and safeguard the rights and liberties of all citizens, regardless of their creed, sex, ethnicity or sexual identity. Who a person decides to marry is not a matter that the government should have any say in whatsoever so long as both parties can be proved to be in consent. It is estimated that some 6% of Oregon's populace identifies as some form of LGBTQ+ and the fact that our constitution does not provide for the sanctity of their marriage is a gross oversight on the part of all Oregonians. We are a state and indeed nation founded on the principles of liberty and the pursuit of happiness for all, and it is with these tenets of our freedom in mind that I encourage you to allow this motion to be put to a public vote in the form of a ballot measure in the 2024 election cycle.

With respect and thanks,

James D Hughes