

HB 3555 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

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Meeting Dates: 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure adds, upon entering into marriage, the option that either party may change the party's middle name to the middle name they had at birth.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Upon entering into marriage in Oregon, the marrying parties must indicate on the application, license and record of marriage the party's name after marriage. As part of this process, either party may: Retain the party's middle name, if any, and surname prior to the marriage; Retain the party's middle name, if any, and change the party's surname to the surname of the other party; Either retain or remove the party's middle name, if any, and change the party's surname to one surname or a combination of surnames, or names within the surnames, of either or both parties, with or without a hyphen; Change the party's middle name, if any, to the party's surname at birth or prior to the marriage; or 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.

House bill 3555 would add to the existing options that either party may change the party's middle name to the middle name they had at birth.