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HB 3386

DEPUTY CLERK MARRIAGE BILL

Thank you for considering HB 3386

- This bill has been brought by the County Clerks, who are responsible for marriage licenses, domestic partnerships and marriage ceremonies.
- House Bill 3386 expands who can solemnize marriages in Oregon.
- Current Oregon statute allows for County Clerks to conduct marriage ceremonies. OACC is asking to also allow Deputy County Clerks to have the capability to perform marriage ceremonies as well.
- Deputy County Clerks are sworn in by the County Clerks and traditionally are permitted to engage in all of the same duties as a County Clerk.
- Many rely on their local county clerk's office to get married, where they also receive their licenses and pay the \$25 fee. Marriage ceremonies are a source of revenue for County Clerks, but time constraints limit the availability of times these ceremonies can be offered to the public.
- With the change requested in HB 3386, clerks' offices would be able to better serve the needs of their community constituents.
- Allowing flexibility for the deputy clerks to execute marriage ceremonies would open up more times to make it more convenient for the public and ease the burden on a single person in each office. This can also allow for more opportunities for bilingual individuals to perform the ceremonies.

*The OACC represents
all of the Oregon County Clerks,
who are responsible for administering elections
and recording documents.*
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