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**SPEAKER MINNIS CALLS UPON GOVERNOR, ATTORNEY GENERAL TO
UPHOLD OREGON LAW AND DEFEND MARRIAGE**

WILSONVILLE – At a press conference today, House Speaker Karen Minnis (R-Wood Village) called upon Governor Kulongoski and Attorney General Myers to uphold Oregon law and defend marriage as between a man and a woman.

“Multnomah County cannot suddenly change the definition of marriage in Oregon,” Speaker Minnis said. “I’m calling upon the Governor and the Attorney General to enforce the law of the state of Oregon, which references marriage as being between a ‘husband’ and ‘wife.’”

Speaker Minnis cited ORS 106.150 which states that:

“In the solemnization of a marriage no particular form is required except that the parties thereto shall assent or declare in the presence of the clergyperson, county clerk or judicial officer solemnizing the marriage and in the presence of at least two witnesses, that they take each other to be husband and wife.”

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