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**Oregon Progressive Party
Position on Bill at 2015 Session
of Oregon Legislature:**



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Support: HB 3043

Dear Committee:

The Oregon Progressive Party officially supports HB 3043, which provides that, upon being sworn into office, or for other stated reasons, Governor shall file declaration with Oregon Government Ethics Commission declaring identity of First Spouse and identifying official policy-making or agenda-setting duties of First Spouse, if any.

The bill also would help avoid conflicts of interest by allowing the First Spouse to obtain written determinations from the Oregon Government Ethics Commission regarding conflicts of interest between the role of the First Spouse in government and the private employment of that person. The bill also bans the First Spouse from accepting private employment of contracting related to the subjects for which the First Spouse holds an official position.

Please include this statement in the legislative record for this bill.

Thank you.

