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**Commissioner Hoyle’s statement on U.S. Supreme Court’s Sweet Cakes ruling**

Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle responded on Monday to the decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to vacate the Oregon Court of Appeals’ 2017 Klein vs. BOLI opinion and refer it back to the Court for reconsideration:

“Today, the United States Supreme Court sent the Bureau of Labor and Industries’ 2013 ruling of illegal discrimination against a same sex couple back to the Oregon Court of Appeals for further consideration.

In Oregon, businesses are required by law to provide service to all customers equally regardless of protected status.

I am fundamentally committed to the fair enforcement of Oregon's Equality Act and other anti-discrimination protections. Oregon’s public accommodations law is the basic principle of human decency that every person has the freedom to fully participate in society. Every person has the right to enter public places, to shop, to dine, and to move about without fear of discrimination.

I hope the Oregon Court of Appeals will again affirm the agency’s decision. As Oregon’s Labor Commissioner, I am fully committed to ensuring that the Bureau of Labor and Industries remains at the forefront of protecting the civil rights of all Oregonians.”

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**About BOLI**
The mission of the Bureau of Labor and Industries is to protect employment rights, advance employment opportunities, and provide for equal access to housing and public accommodations free from discrimination.