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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon State Capitol Foundation to raise funds and commission statue of Mark Odom Hatfield, to be placed in National Statuary Hall in United States Capitol. Directs Legislative Administrator to request Architect of Capitol to seek approval of Joint Committee on Library of Congress for replacement of statue of Jason Lee with statue of Mark Odom Hatfield. Directs foundation to provide for return of Jason Lee statue to suitable location in Salem.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol Building is comprised of statues donated by individual states to honor persons notable in their history. The entire collection now consists of 100 statues contributed by 50 states. Each statue is the gift of a state, not of an individual or group of citizens. Proceedings for the donation of a statue usually begin in the state legislature with the enactment of a resolution that names the citizen to be commemorated and cites his or her qualifications, specifies a committee or commission to represent the state in selecting the sculptor, and provides for a method of obtaining the necessary funds to carry the resolution into effect.

The Joint Committee on the Library of Congress has oversight of the collection, and under the committee's direction the Architect of the Capitol is responsible for the reception, placement, and care of the statues. A state may request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of a statue the State has provided for display in Statuary Hall under two conditions: request has been approved by a resolution adopted by the legislature of the State and the request has been approved by the Governor of the State, and statue to be replaced has been displayed in the Capitol of the United States for at least 10 years as of the time the request is made.

In 1954, a statue a Jason Lee was given to the National Statuary Hall Collection by Oregon and is currently on display. House Bill 2289 would initiate the fundraising, design, and planning process for replacing the Jason Lee statue with a Mark Odom Hatfield statue.

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