77th OREGON LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY – 2013 Regular Session

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee on Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed

Vote: 6 - 3 - 0

Yeas: Barnhart, Berger, Dembrow, Hicks, Hoyle, Garrett

Navs: Holvey, Jenson, Kennemer

Exc.: 0

Prepared By: Erin Seiler, Administrator

Meeting Dates: 2/13, 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Oregon Historical Society (OHS) to raise funds and commission statue of Mark Odom Hatfield, to be placed in National Statuary Hall in United States Capitol. Directs OHS 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 OHS to provide for return of Jason Lee statue to suitable location in Salem.

MEASURE: HB 2387 A

CARRIER: Rep. Gilliam

Rep. Read

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Legacy of Senator Mark Hatfield
- Reputation as statesman, who worked in collaborative and collegial manner
- Role of Senator Hatfield in Oregon's history
- Process for replacing statues in National Statuary Hall
- Role of Oregon Historical Society in commissioning statue and directing fundraising campaign
- Significance of Jason Lee to Oregon's history
- Military and combat service of Senator Hatfield

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Directs Oregon Historical Society to raise funds for commissioning, transportation, costs of removal of Jason Lee statue and unveiling of new statue of Mark Hatfield.

BACKGROUND: The 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 the 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 of Jason Lee was given to the National Statuary Hall Collection by Oregon and is currently on display. House Bill 2387-A would initiate the fundraising, design, and planning process for replacing the Jason Lee statue with a Mark Odom Hatfield statue.