I was VERY disappointed to see this bill back on the agenda in 2014. Mark Hatfield may have been a very fine man, a good governor and senator, but he was just a politician. Politicians get enough accolades, and we already have a Hatfield Marine Science Center, the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse in Portland, the Mark O. Hatfield Library at the Willamette University, the Hatfield Government Center light rail station in Hillsboro, and the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government in the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University. There's even a research center named after him at the National Institutes of Health. Isn't that enough?!

Jason Lee and John McLaughlin are Oregon's Founding Fathers. We no longer seem to care about history, but history tells us who we are. We need to be drawing more attention to what made this country, and this state, a great place to live. We need to celebrate our history. We need to celebrate CITIZENS, not politicians.

I am also rather irritated that this bill's sponsor has declared an 'emergency' on this legislation. I would like to know just what the emergency is. As far as I am concerned, the only emergency we face today is stopping legislators from passing ill-thought-out and destructive legislation.

I would appreciate your passing on these comments to the Rules Committee, as I understand there will be a hearing on Monday.

Sincerely Yours,

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PS: I am a Republican and I STILL do not want Mark Hatfield honored in this way!