

Dear House Rules Committee:

As an Oregonian and a student of Oregon history, I feel compelled to voice my opposition to HB4071.

The Rev. Jason Lee is a man whose statue stands, not only on the east side of our State Capitol Building in Salem, but also in the hallowed Statuary Hall in our US Capitol Building in honor of his contributions as a founder of this great State of ours, with which together we celebrate the 155th anniversary of statehood today, February 14, 2014. The Rev. Jason Lee's role in establishing the Oregon Mission and representing our provisional government in the halls of the US Congress as he delivered the petition for statehood is historic fact and his statue needs to remain in Washington, DC forever telling the great story of our founding as the 33rd state in the USA!

I am also a great fan of Mark O. Hatfield, and honor his contributions to his country and our great State, and would welcome the commissioning and placement of his statue in Statuary Hall, but not at the expense of removing the statue of the Rev, Jason Lee,

As you know, Oregon, like all other States, has the right to place two statues in Statuary Hall, and in 1953, placed two statues there, the Rev. Jason Lee and John McLoughlin. In order to make room for a statue in honor of Mark O. Hatfield, and to comply with the rules concerning statues on display in the US Capitol Building, I recommend that your committee amend HB4071 and order the removal and relocation of the statue of John McLoughlin, not the Rev. Jason Lee.

Sincerely and respectfully yours,

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