

Honorable Rules Committee Chair Rep Val Hoyle, Vice Chairs Rep Wally Hicks, Rep Paul Holvey, and committee members,

Thank you for your time in considering my testimony.

I urge you to vote No on HB 4071

Please keep the Jason Lee Memorial in the National Statuary Hall in Washington D.C. There is much information on line about the life and work of Jason Lee, Oregon's founder. Some of the documents and research referenced here has come directly from the Oregon Historical Society website. Please also see the article I wrote for the [NW-Connections paper](#) on page 10-11 entitled "How do we 'Mark' history?"

Jason Lee came at the request by the native people in Oregon who wanted to learn about the 'Book in Heaven'. To obtain this book they set out by foot on a difficult journey from Astoria to Missouri in which 3 of 4 chiefs lost their life. In Missouri [they met and stayed with Gen Clark](#), he didn't give them a bible and they were very disappointed. However he did give them an oral recitation of the gospel. An appeal went out to the entire nation for someone to take the bible to these people in the journal of the [Christian Advocate 1833 Walker Disosway letter](#). Many events later, the resulting interaction with the native people and the missionaries brought peace to the region. It is our unique Oregon history. It brought two different cultures together. Jason Lee represents both the native people and the early pioneers. It is in our common legacy.

Jason Lee also petitioned for Oregon to become a state. Took the petition to Congress, Organized the meeting to make it happen and presided over it's formation. Our heritage could be quite different if it were not for his efforts. He brought farmers, Drs, teachers and craftsmen to settle the country. In 1906, it is noted in the [Oregon Historical Society journals](#) that the people of Oregon recognized that Jason Lee brought the 'seeds of civilization' to the region. This recognition was so profound, that the Methodist Church who had earlier dismissed Jason Lee in the midst of his work, saw the error of their short sightedness, and paid for his ashes and headstone to be brought here to be laid next to his wife and child. There was much celebration at the turn of the century of the life of Jason Lee. Jason' Lee's foresight benefitted their lives and they wanted to recognize it. The statue well reflects this work with a bible in one hand and an out stretched petition for statehood in the other.

If you want to honor Mark Hatfield. I think that is great! I would suggest that the statue to be exchanged would be the children's statue (see attached photo) on the west side of this capital that is not especially noted, but it sits in a great place! The pavement on which it sits is not very pretty. Could it be a possible place to bring some beauty, build up and place a statute of Mark Hatfield? It is right next to the collection of state flags and would represent his service in the halls of our nation as well as his service here in this state. This could be a great compromise and we could appreciate our total history.

If you are determined to put Mark Hatfield in Washington DC, is there any openness to considering John McLoughlin statue as the statue to be removed?

Finally if we can not agree on the choice, would you please consider asking the people of Oregon? It would give opportunity for the people of Oregon to decide whom they would like to represent us in the National Statuary Hall.

Please also consider the citizen's Testimony for 2013 Legislative Session regarding the Jason Lee Memorial in DC [HB2387](#)

Oregon history sources include:

Nez Perce visit General Clark, seeking the bible:

http://www.nps.gov/whmi/historyculture/upload/chapt_1_Marcus_Narcissa_byDrury.pdf

http://books.google.com/books?id=wJISAAAAYAAJ&pg=PA21&lpg=PA21&dq=Christian+Advocate+1833+Walker+Disosway+letter&source=bl&ots=t4H1W3oB7L&sig=lwfq0X6N6uiSC_7KVGZvJrE1ME&hl=en&sa=X&ei=5p0BU6vNH4zmoASLtICICQ&ved=0CEoQ6AEwCQ#v=onepage&q=Christian%20Advocate%201833%20Walker%20Disosway%20letter&f=false-e

History of the Columbia River from The Dalles to the Sea

[http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/12928/History%20of%20the%20Columbia%20River%20Valley%20from%20the%20Dalles%20to%20the%20sea%20Volume%201%20\(p.%20556-1105\).pdf?sequence=8](http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/12928/History%20of%20the%20Columbia%20River%20Valley%20from%20the%20Dalles%20to%20the%20sea%20Volume%201%20(p.%20556-1105).pdf?sequence=8)

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http://ir.library.oregonstate.edu/xmlui/bitstream/handle/1957/9383/Men_Of_Cha.pdf?sequence=1

Jason Lee Biography:

https://archive.org/stream/jasonleepropheto01bros/jasonleepropheto01bros_djvu.txt

Oregon Historical Society Jason Lee "Seeds of Civilization" Celebration recognized in 1906

<http://www.jstor.org/stable/info/20609697>

Thank you again for taking the time to consider my remarks.

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