

Chair Rosenbaum and Members of the committee,

I'm Bob Sowdon, Cottage Grove and an analyst for the Oregon Citizens Lobby.

This is the third attempt in three legislative sessions to remove the Jason Lee and John McLoughlin statues from the national Statuary Hall at the Capital.

After the attempt last year, the Oregon Historical Society was directed to start the process of selecting replacements. I replied to the poll that was posted online.

I'm concerned that the process was rushed and limited in scope and did not include all citizens of Oregon, where an online (Internet) poll leaves out many citizens.

When the selection process for the statues for Jason Lee and John McLoughlin were done, there were public hearings held throughout the State and it took years to make that decision.

I'm very disappointed that SB942 and HB2037 have the **Emergency clause attached**. I'm partial to the current statues and the emergency clause is a **slap in the face** to those of us that would like the opportunity to challenge the selections that have been made without the full participation of the Citizens of this great State.

Please remove the Emergency Clause from SB942 and HB2037

Thank you,

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