

Honorable Chair Rosenbaum and Committee Members,
I am in opposition to SB942.

The replacement of these statutes has been heard in prior sessions twice: HB2387 in 2013 and HB4071 in 2014. Many people testified in hearings that they were opposed to this idea. Here is the link to their testimony:

2013 HB2387 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2013R1/Measures/Exhibits/HB2387>

2014 HB4071 <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/Measures/Exhibits/HB4071>

A variety of people unified on whom they wanted to represent Oregon in Washington DC, testified that they wanted to keep Jason Lee in DC. Yet we see this bill before us again. This time with an EMERGENCY CLAUSE on it. This is very offensive to the people who spent considerable time and effort to give their input asking to leave the statues in place and with little argument presented in favor of the statue replacement. Much lobbying by citizens went to defeat these two bills. We saw the Historic Society making great effort to try to sway citizens of these changes. Who is orchestrating these efforts? Surely it is not the ground swell of citizens.

The children of Oregon gathered pennies from around the state to put Jason Lee in Statuary Hall. I think we should honor their contribution and leave Jason Lee in DC. It matches the one on the Oregon Capital grounds and reflects the spirit that was represented by the early people of Oregon. This was our unique Oregon history. In 1906 the Oregon Historical Society celebrated with much fanfare that Jason Lee as the one who brought the "Seeds of Civilization" to the NW, and with it peace as was noted by Chief White Swan at that same celebration. This story offers hope to many people.

Thank you for considering my remarks. Please reject SB 942.

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