

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION****Measure: SB 942 - A**Seventy-Eighth Oregon Legislative Assembly – 2015 Regular Session  
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**Measure Description:**

Directs Department of Administrative Services to enter into an agreement with the Oregon Historical Society to undertake fund-raising and commission of statues of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott Duniway, to be placed in National Statuary Hall in United States Capitol.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Department of Administrative Services, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department (OPRD), Oregon Historical Society

**Local Government Mandate:**

This bill does not affect local governments' service levels or shared revenues sufficient to trigger Section 15, Article XI of the Oregon Constitution.

**Analysis:**

Senate Bill 942 appropriates an unspecified amount of General Fund to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to be transferred to the Oregon Historical Society. The bill requires DAS to enter into an agreement with the Oregon Historical Society to raise private funds for the:

1. The commission of the design and production of the sculptures of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott Duniway, and other costs associated with their transportation to, and unveiling at, the United States Capitol for temporary display in the Rotunda .
2. The removal of the statues of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin from the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol. Funds raised are also to be used to find a suitable location in Salem, Oregon for these statues.

The Oregon Historical Society is directed to get the necessary approval for this transfer of statues. The bill contains an emergency clause, and takes effect on passage.

**Oregon Historical Society (OHS)**

Assuming a fundraising goal of \$600,000 for this campaign to cover the expense of commissioning, transfer and placement of the statues, the Oregon Historical Society estimates the fiscal impact of this bill to be roughly \$150,000. This amount reflects the cost of contracting with a project manager/fundraiser to plan and implement the fundraising campaign, including producing request for proposals to vendors, and soliciting gifts from donors. This amount does not include potential loss of revenues for OHS which the Society projects could reach \$400,000. The Oregon Historical Society is a 501c3 not-for-profit organization, and must raise a substantial amount of funds each year to support its continued operation. The Society is concerned that this campaign might divert donations from core OHS programs and exhibits because donors could perceive that supporting this campaign is supporting the OHS, thereby reducing their giving to the Society's annual campaign and other OHS projects.

**Oregon Parks and Recreation Department's (OPRD)**

This bill is anticipated to have minimal impact on OPRD. The bill requires the Oregon Heritage Commission within OPRD to seek applications from representatives of venues in Oregon that would wish to provide places of honor for the statutes of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin. If this bill passes, OPRD will use existing Heritage Commission staff and resources to develop criteria for a review and selection process for applications from venues interested in housing the Lee and McLoughlin statues.

Department of Administrative Services (DAS)

Passage of this bill is anticipated to have minimal impact to DAS.

This bill requires budgetary action for the appropriation of General Fund.