

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**Senate Committee On Rules****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 05/21/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 04/09, 05/21**Vote:**

Yeas: 4 - Beyer, Boquist, Burdick, Rosenbaum

Exc: 1 - Ferrioli

Prepared By: Erin Seiler, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Directs Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to enter into agreement with Oregon Historical Society (OHS) to solicit donations for selection of sculptor(s), design, production, transportation to United States Capitol and unveiling of statues of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott Duniway; removal and return to Oregon of existing statues. Directs Executive Director of OHS to facilitate administrative process of building and replacing statues. As soon as is practicable after OHS determines that it has obtained sufficient funding, OHS is to seek proposals from qualified sculptors and direct executive director to complete project. Appropriates money out of General Fund to DAS, for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, in amount of \$_____, to be transferred to OHS for purpose of funding agreement.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Statuary Hall Study Commission recommendations and decision-making process
- Support for replacing or not replacing current statues
- Cost to design, produce and transport statues
- Appropriate institution for managing process
- Process for replacing statues in National Statuary Hall
- Role of Oregon Historical Society in commissioning statue and directing fundraising campaign
- Significance of Jason Lee to Oregon's history

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

The National Statuary Hall Collection in the United States Capitol Building is comprised of statues donated by individual states to honor persons notable in their history. The entire collection now consists of 100 statues contributed by 50 states. Each statue is the gift of a state, not of an individual or group of citizens. Proceedings for the donation of a statue usually begin in the state legislature with the enactment of a resolution that names the citizen to be commemorated and cites his or her qualifications, specifies a committee or commission to represent the state in selecting the sculptor, and provides for a method of obtaining the necessary funds to give the resolution effect.

The Joint Committee on the Library of Congress oversees the collection, and under the committee's direction the Architect of the Capitol is responsible for the reception, placement and care of the statues. A state may request the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress to approve the replacement of a statue the state has provided for

display in Statuary Hall under two conditions: if the request has been approved by a resolution adopted by the legislature of the State and by the Governor of the state, and the statue to be replaced has been displayed in the Capitol of the United States for at least 10 years as of the time of the request.

In 2014, the Statuary Hall Study Commission (the Commission) was created by Executive Order #14-11 and charged with studying and recommending to the 2015 Legislative Assembly whether to replace one of Oregon's statues in the National Statuary Hall Collection of the United States Capitol, and, if a replacement is recommended, which Oregonian should be newly memorialized in the National Statuary Hall Collection. In its report to the Governor, the Commission recommended that the statues of both Dr. John McLoughlin and Jason Lee be brought home from National Statuary Hall to places of honor in Oregon. In turn, they would be replaced with statues memorializing Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott Duniway.

Senate Bill 942-A memorializes and provides for execution of the recommendations made by the Statuary Hall Study Commission.