

A-Engrossed
Senate Bill 942

Ordered by the Senate June 1
Including Senate Amendments dated June 1

Sponsored by Senators ROSENBAUM, FERRIOLI

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure.

[Directs Oregon State Capitol Foundation] **Requires Director of Oregon Department of Administrative Services to enter into agreement with Oregon Historical Society for 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. Directs *[Legislative Administrator]* **Executive Director of Oregon Historical Society** to request Architect of Capitol to seek approval of Joint Committee on Library of Congress for replacement of statues of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin with statues of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott Duniway. Directs Oregon Heritage Commission to select places of honor in Oregon for statues of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin. *[Directs foundation to provide for return of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin statues to suitable locations in Oregon.]* **Appropriates moneys to Oregon Department of Administrative Services to fund agreement with society.**

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to placement of statues in National Statuary Hall; and declaring an emergency.

3 Whereas by Act of Congress each state is invited to provide and furnish statues, not exceeding
4 two in number, of deceased persons who have been citizens of the state and who were illustrious for
5 their historic renown or for their distinguished civic or military service, such that the state deter-
6 mines them to be worthy of national commemoration in National Statuary Hall in the United States
7 Capitol; and

8 Whereas Oregon has many chapters in its history that warrant retelling through commemoration
9 in National Statuary Hall; and

10 Whereas Chief Joseph was Oregon's leading advocate of Native American rights and one of the
11 leading advocates of Native American rights in the entire United States; and

12 Whereas Abigail Scott Duniway was Oregon's leading advocate for equal rights for women and
13 one of the leading advocates for equal rights for women in the entire United States; and

14 Whereas Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott Duniway are uniquely suited to represent chapters in
15 Oregon's history from statehood in 1859 through the beginning of the 20th century; and

16 Whereas the State of Oregon in years past provided for the placing of two statues of distin-
17 guished Oregonians in National Statuary Hall; and

18 Whereas these statues are of Jason Lee, a man who was a leader in the organization of the
19 territorial government of Oregon and who was the founder of Willamette University, and of John
20 McLoughlin, a man who made great contributions to the development of Oregon prior to statehood;
21 and

22 Whereas Jason Lee and John McLoughlin can best be honored by the relocation of their statues

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1 to places of honor in this state, where they may be enjoyed by Oregon residents and visitors; and
2 Whereas the people of Oregon wish to furnish statues of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott
3 Duniway for placement in National Statuary Hall in accordance with the terms of this 2015 Act;
4 now, therefore,

5 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

6 **SECTION 1. (1) The Director of the Oregon Department of Administrative Services shall**
7 **enter into an agreement with the Oregon Historical Society under which the society shall**
8 **solicit donations and undertake a fund-raising campaign to raise moneys for:**

9 (a) **The selection of a sculptor or sculptors and the commission of the designs and the**
10 **production of the sculptures of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott Duniway, including the cre-**
11 **ation of pedestals and any desired inscriptions;**

12 (b) **The transportation of the statues and pedestals to the United States Capitol;**

13 (c) **The temporary display of the statues in the Rotunda of the United States Capitol**
14 **during any unveiling ceremony to be held;**

15 (d) **Other costs associated with the unveiling ceremony;**

16 (e) **The removal of the statues of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin from National Statuary**
17 **Hall in the United States Capitol, transportation of the Jason Lee and John McLoughlin**
18 **statues to Oregon and installation of the Jason Lee and John McLoughlin statues in suitable**
19 **locations identified by the Oregon Heritage Commission; and**

20 (f) **Any other expenses the society incurs in implementing the terms of the agreement**
21 **under this subsection.**

22 (2) **Upon entering into the agreement described in subsection (1) of this section, the**
23 **Executive Director of the Oregon Historical Society or the director's designee shall:**

24 (a) **Facilitate meetings of the society for the purpose of undertaking the duties described**
25 **in subsection (1) of this section;**

26 (b) **Within six months following enactment of this 2015 Act, write to the Architect of the**
27 **Capitol apprising the architect of the interest of the State of Oregon in replacing the statues**
28 **of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin in National Statuary Hall of the United States Capitol**
29 **with statues of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott Duniway and requesting the architect to seek**
30 **the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress for the statues' replacement;**
31 **and**

32 (c) **Convey all information received from the Architect of the Capitol about the statue**
33 **replacement project to the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the**
34 **House of Representatives, or their designees.**

35 (3) **As soon as is practicable after the date on which the society determines that it has**
36 **obtained sufficient funding to undertake the project described in subsection (1) of this sec-**
37 **tion, the society shall seek proposals from qualified sculptors and direct the executive di-**
38 **rector to undertake whatever other measures are necessary to complete the project**
39 **described in subsection (1) of this section. The society and the executive director shall follow**
40 **the direction of the Architect of the Capitol in completing the project described in subsection**
41 **(1) of this section.**

42 (4) **The Oregon Heritage Commission shall seek applications from representatives of**
43 **venues in this state that wish to provide places of honor for the statues of Jason Lee and**
44 **John McLoughlin. The commission shall make the final selection of venues and shall inform**
45 **the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives,**

1 or their designees, of the selected places of honor.

2 **SECTION 2.** In addition to and not in lieu of any other appropriation, there is appropri-
3 ated to the Oregon Department of Administrative Services, for the biennium beginning July
4 1, 2015, out of the General Fund, the amount of \$_____, to be transferred to the Oregon
5 Historical Society for the purpose of funding the agreement described in section 1 of this 2015
6 Act.

7 **SECTION 3.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
8 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
9 on its passage.

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