

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**House Committee On Rules****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 02/10/16**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Bill Be Referred To Ways And Means.
(Printed A-Eng.)**Meeting Dates:** 02/10**Vote:**

Yeas: 9 - Barnhart, Gilliam, Hoyle, Huffman, Kennemer, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson, Wilson

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

Directs Legislative Administrator to oversee process for replacement of current statues and production of new statues to be displayed at National Statuary Hall in United States Capitol Building. Creates National Statuary Hall Replacement Fund (Fund), separate from General Fund, to receive gifts, grants, donation and other moneys for replacement project. Directs Legislative Administrator to use Funds to commission, transport and unveil sculptures of Chief Joseph, Abigail Scott Duniway and Mark Odom Hatfield at National Statuary Hall; to install statue and pedestal of Chief Joseph in Oregon Capitol Building, until Idaho approves placement of Chief Joseph at National Statuary Hall to represent Idaho; to remove, transport and install statues of John McLoughlin and Jason Lee in Oregon Capitol Building. Specifies process for coordinating with state of Idaho regarding placement of Chief Joseph statue as statue representing Idaho in National Statuary Hall. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Statuary Hall Study Commission recommendations
- Support for replacing or not replacing current statues
- Cost to design, produce and transport statues
- Intention for funding to come solely from gifts, donations and grants
- Connection of Chief Joseph to both Idaho and Oregon
- Appropriate institution for managing replacement process
- Process for replacing statues in National Statuary Hall

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 Building, 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. In 2015, the Governor of Idaho, C.L. Otter, brought to the attention of the legislature the significant historical connection of Chief Joseph to Idaho, and suggested it would be better for Idaho to be the state that Chief Joseph represents in the National Statuary Hall.

House Bill 4129–A provides for the commissioning, transportation and placement of statues of Abigail Scott Duniway and Mark Odom Hatfield at the National Statuary Hall and a statue of Chief Joseph to be placed at the Oregon Capitol Building, until agreement with Idaho can be reached regarding representation at the National Statuary Hall.