

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4004

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Measure Description:

Directs the Legislative Administration Committee to commission the design and production of certain statues to be placed on display in National Statuary Hall in United States Capitol.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Legislative Administration Committee (LAC)

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:

House Bill 4004 establishes the National Statuary Hall Replacement Fund, and requires the Legislative Administration Committee to direct the Legislative Administrator to use moneys in this Fund to cover the cost of the following activities as soon as there is adequate moneys in the Fund:

- Selecting and commissioning the design and production of sculptures of Chief Joseph and Mark Odom Hatfield, including the creation of pedestals and any desired inscriptions;
- Transporting and displaying the statues and pedestals of Chief Joseph and Mark Odom Hatfield in the United States Capitol and other costs associated with the unveiling ceremony;
- Removing the statues of John McLoughlin and Jason Lee from the National Statuary Hall, and transporting and installing them to an appropriate place in the state of Oregon; and
- Writing to the Architect of the United States Capitol to coordinate these activities.

The bill prohibits the Legislative Administrator from using General Fund moneys or moneys from any other source other than moneys in the National Statuary Hall Replacement Fund to carry out these tasks.

At this time, the full fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate depending on the following factors: (1) the timeline of the availability of moneys in the National Statuary Hall Replacement Fund; (2) the timeline of the performance of the work; (3) the sculptors to be selected; and (4) the material of the statues to be commissioned.

The bill stipulates that the required work should only be performed if adequate funds are available in the National Statuary Hall Replacement Fund. Currently, there are no available funds, and no mechanism or resources for fundraising

The following ballpark estimates are provided to give an idea of the amount of moneys that would be needed to be available in the National Statuary Hall Replacement Fund in order for the Administrator to perform the tasks required by this bill: Based on information and calculations provided by the Oregon Historical Society in 2015, assuming a fundraising goal of \$600,000 to cover the expense of commissioning, transferring, and placement of statues, the cost of contracting with a fundraiser to plan and implement the campaign, including producing request for proposals to vendors, and soliciting gifts from donor is projected at \$150,000. Given these rough estimates, the total cost of completing all the tasks required by this bill is estimated at \$750,000 total funds.