

House Bill 4129

Sponsored by Representative CLEM (Pre-session filed.)

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 **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon State Capitol Foundation to undertake fund-raising for and commissioning of statues of _____ and _____ to be placed on display in National Statuary Hall in United States Capitol. Directs Legislative Administrator 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 _____ and _____. Directs foundation to provide for return of Lee and McLoughlin statues to suitable locations in Oregon.

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 United States and who were il-
5 lustrious for their historic renown or for their distinguished civic or military service, such that the
6 state determines them to be worthy of national commemoration in National Statuary Hall in the
7 United States Capitol; and

8 Whereas the State of Oregon in years past provided for the placement of two statues of distin-
9 guished Oregonians in National Statuary Hall; and

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

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

16 Whereas there has been sufficient interest in exploring whether Oregon's statues in National
17 Statuary Hall should be replaced to better reflect Oregon's modern values and spirit that, in 2014,
18 Governor Kitzhaber established by executive order a Statuary Hall Study Commission of nine voting
19 members; and

20 Whereas the commission conducted public meetings in separate Congressional districts and re-
21 ceived input from a wide range of Oregonians; and

22 Whereas the commission also gauged public opinion by requesting public voting for leading
23 distinguished Oregonians for placement in National Statuary Hall; and

24 Whereas the commission separately developed a list of distinguished Oregonians for placement
25 in National Statuary Hall; and

26 Whereas _____ was identified by the largest number of public votes as the most appro-
27 priate distinguished Oregonian for being memorialized in National Statuary Hall; and

28 Whereas _____ was identified by vote of the commission as the most appropriate dis-

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1 tinguished Oregonian for being memorialized in National Statuary Hall; and

2 Whereas the people of Oregon wish to furnish statues of _____ and _____ for
3 placement in National Statuary Hall in accordance with the terms of this 2016 Act; now, therefore,

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

5 **SECTION 1.** (1) In addition to its other duties, the Oregon State Capitol Foundation shall
6 solicit donations and undertake a fund-raising campaign to raise moneys for:

7 (a) The selection of one or more sculptors and the commissioning of the design and pro-
8 duction of sculptures of _____ and _____, including the creation of pedestals
9 and any desired inscriptions;

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

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

13 (d) Other costs associated with the unveiling ceremony;

14 (e) The removal of the statues of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin from National Statuary
15 Hall in the United States Capitol, transportation of the Lee and McLoughlin statues to
16 Oregon, and installation of the Lee and McLoughlin statues at suitable locations identified
17 by the foundation; and

18 (f) Any other expenses the foundation incurs in implementing this section.

19 (2) Upon enactment of this 2016 Act, the Legislative Administrator shall:

20 (a) Facilitate meetings of the foundation for the purpose of undertaking the duties de-
21 scribed in subsection (1) of this section;

22 (b) Within six months following enactment of this 2016 Act, write to the Architect of the
23 Capitol apprising the architect of the interest of the State of Oregon in replacing the statues
24 of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin in National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol
25 with statues of _____ and _____, and requesting the architect to seek the ap-
26 proval of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress for statue replacement; and

27 (c) Convey all information received from the Architect of the Capitol about the statue
28 replacement project to the foundation and the Governor or the Governor’s designee.

29 (3) As soon as is practicable after the date on which the foundation determines that it
30 has obtained sufficient funding to undertake the project described in subsection (1) of this
31 section, the foundation shall seek proposals from qualified sculptors and direct the Legisla-
32 tive Administrator to undertake whatever other measures are necessary to complete the
33 project described in subsection (1) of this section. The foundation and the administrator shall
34 follow the direction of the Architect of the Capitol in completing the project described in
35 subsection (1) of this section.

36 **SECTION 2.** This 2016 Act being necessary for the immediate s preservation of the public
37 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2016 Act takes effect
38 on its passage.

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