

Senate Bill 942

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 **as introduced**.

Directs Oregon State Capitol Foundation 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 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.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

1
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
23 to places of honor in this state, where they may be enjoyed by Oregon residents and visitors; and

24 Whereas the people of Oregon wish to furnish statues of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott
25 Duniway for placement in National Statuary Hall in accordance with the terms of this 2015 Act;
26 now, therefore,

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

28 **SECTION 1.** (1) **In addition to its other duties under ORS 173.500 or otherwise, the**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 Oregon State Capitol Foundation, in consultation with the Oregon Historical Society, shall
 2 solicit donations and undertake a fund-raising campaign to raise moneys for:

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

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

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

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

10 (e) The removal of the statues of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin from National Statuary
 11 Hall in the United States Capitol, transportation of the Jason Lee and John McLoughlin
 12 statues to Oregon and installation of the Jason Lee and John McLoughlin statues in suitable
 13 locations identified by the Oregon Heritage Commission; and

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

15 (2) Upon enactment of this 2015 Act, the Legislative Administrator shall:

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

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

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

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

33 (4) The Oregon Heritage Commission shall seek applications from representatives of
 34 venues in this state that wish to provide places of honor for the statues of Jason Lee and
 35 John McLoughlin. The commission shall make the final selection of venues and shall inform
 36 the foundation, the Legislative Administrator and the Governor or the Governor's designee
 37 of the selected places of honor.

38 **SECTION 2.** This 2015 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
 39 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2015 Act takes effect
 40 on its passage.