

# Senate Bill 446

Sponsored by Senator ROBLAN (Presession 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 Legislative Administrator to use National Statuary Hall Replacement Fund moneys to commission statues of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott Duniway to be placed on display in National Statuary Hall in United States Capitol. Directs 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 Chief Joseph and Duniway statues. Directs administrator to place Lee and McLoughlin statues in places of honor in Oregon State Capitol.

Establishes National Statuary Hall Replacement Fund. Requires gifts, grants and donations received to fund National Statuary Hall replacement project to be deposited in fund.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1 Relating to placement of statues; and declaring an emergency.

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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 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 the Oregon State Capitol, where they may be enjoyed by Oregon residents and  
24 visitors; and

25 Whereas the people of Oregon wish to furnish statues of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott  
26 Duniway for placement in National Statuary Hall in accordance with the terms of this 2019 Act;  
27 now, therefore,

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

2 **SECTION 1.** (1) In addition to its other duties, the Legislative Administration Committee  
3 shall direct the Legislative Administrator to use moneys in the National Statuary Hall Re-  
4 placement Fund established under section 2 of this 2019 Act for:

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

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

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

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

12 (e) The removal of the statues of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin from National Statuary  
13 Hall in the United States Capitol, transportation of the Jason Lee and John McLoughlin  
14 statues to Oregon and installation of the Jason Lee and John McLoughlin statues in places  
15 of honor in the Oregon State Capitol; and

16 (f) Any other expenses the Legislative Administrator incurs in implementing this section.

17 (2) Upon enactment of this 2019 Act, the Legislative Administrator shall:

18 (a) Immediately begin to perform the activities described in subsection (1) of this section;

19 (b) Immediately write to the Architect of the Capitol apprising the architect of the in-  
20 terest of the State of Oregon in replacing the statues of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin in  
21 National Statuary Hall with statues of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott Duniway, and re-  
22 questing that the architect seek the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library of  
23 Congress for statue replacement;

24 (c) As soon as adequate funds are available in the National Statuary Hall Replacement  
25 Fund established in section 2 of this 2019 Act, seek proposals from qualified sculptors, com-  
26 mission and direct the production of the sculptures of Chief Joseph and Abigail Scott  
27 Duniway; and

28 (d) Convey all information received from the Architect of the Capitol about the statue  
29 replacement project to the Legislative Administration Committee and the Governor or the  
30 Governor's designee.

31 (3) As soon as is practicable after the date on which the Legislative Administration  
32 Committee determines that it has obtained sufficient funding to undertake the remainder  
33 of the project described in subsection (1) of this section that has not already been performed  
34 pursuant to subsection (2) of this section, the Legislative Administrator shall seek proposals  
35 from qualified sculptors and undertake whatever other measures are necessary to complete  
36 the project. The Legislative Administrator shall follow the directions of the Architect of the  
37 Capitol in completing the project described in subsection (1) of this section.

38 **SECTION 2.** (1) The National Statuary Hall Replacement Fund is established in the State  
39 Treasury, separate and distinct from the General Fund. Moneys in the National Statuary Hall  
40 Replacement Fund are continuously appropriated to the Legislative Administration Commit-  
41 tee for the purposes set forth in section 1 of this 2019 Act.

42 (2) All gifts, grants, donations and other moneys received by the Legislative Adminis-  
43 tration Committee for funding the project described in section 1 of this 2019 Act shall be  
44 deposited into the National Statuary Hall Replacement Fund.

45 **SECTION 3.** This 2019 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public

1 **peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2019 Act takes effect**  
2 **on its passage.**

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