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SUMMARY

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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Relating to placement of statues in National Statuary Hall; and declaring an emergency.

Whereas by Act of Congress each state is invited to provide and furnish statues, not exceeding two in number, of deceased persons who have been citizens of the United States and who were illustrious for their historic renown or for their distinguished civic or military service, such that the state determines them to be worthy of national commemoration in National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol; and

Whereas the State of Oregon in years past provided for the placement of two statues of distinguished Oregonians in National Statuary Hall; and

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

Whereas Oregon has many chapters in its history that warrant retelling

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 through commemoration in National Statuary Hall; and

2 Whereas there has been sufficient interest in exploring whether Oregon's
3 statues in National Statuary Hall should be replaced to better reflect
4 Oregon's modern values and spirit that, in 2014, Governor Kitzhaber estab-
5 lished by executive order a Statuary Hall Study Commission of nine voting
6 members; and

7 Whereas the commission conducted public meetings in separate Congres-
8 sional districts and received input from a wide range of Oregonians; and

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

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

14 Whereas _____ was identified by the largest number of public votes
15 as the most appropriate distinguished Oregonian for being memorialized in
16 National Statuary Hall; and

17 Whereas _____ was identified by vote of the commission as the most
18 appropriate distinguished Oregonian for being memorialized in National
19 Statuary Hall; and

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

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

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

27 **(a) The selection of one or more sculptors and the commissioning**
28 **of the design and production of sculptures of _____ and**
29 **_____, including the creation of pedestals and any desired in-**
30 **scriptions;**

31 **(b) The transportation of the statues and pedestals to the United**

1 **States Capitol;**

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

4 **(d) Other costs associated with the unveiling ceremony;**

5 **(e) The removal of the statues of Jason Lee and John McLoughlin**
6 **from National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol, transporta-**
7 **tion of the Lee and McLoughlin statues to Oregon, and installation**
8 **of the Lee and McLoughlin statues at suitable locations identified by**
9 **the foundation; and**

10 **(f) Any other expenses the foundation incurs in implementing this**
11 **section.**

12 **(2) Upon enactment of this 2016 Act, the Legislative Administrator**
13 **shall:**

14 **(a) Facilitate meetings of the foundation for the purpose of under-**
15 **taking the duties described in subsection (1) of this section;**

16 **(b) Within six months following enactment of this 2016 Act, write**
17 **to the Architect of the Capitol apprising the architect of the interest**
18 **of the State of Oregon in replacing the statues of Jason Lee and John**
19 **McLoughlin in National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol**
20 **with statues of _____ and _____, and requesting the architect**
21 **to seek the approval of the Joint Committee on the Library of Con-**
22 **gress for statue replacement; and**

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

26 **(3) As soon as is practicable after the date on which the foundation**
27 **determines that it has obtained sufficient funding to undertake the**
28 **project described in subsection (1) of this section, the foundation shall**
29 **seek proposals from qualified sculptors and direct the Legislative Ad-**
30 **ministrator to undertake whatever other measures are necessary to**
31 **complete the project described in subsection (1) of this section. The**

1 foundation and the administrator shall follow the direction of the Ar-
2 chitect of the Capitol in completing the project described in subsection
3 (1) of this section.

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

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