

The bill number changed from 2013 NO on HB 4071 Text of Text of Bill

<https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2014R1/...> [1]

Removes the statue of Jason Lee, an Oregon Founder which stands in Statuary Hall in the US Capitol building. The replacement statue would be one of career politician Governor Mark Hatfield.

Dear Ms. Seiler,

These comments are for the Rules Committee which will be having a hearing on HB 4071 on Monday:

It is hard to believe that the removal of a statue of any sorts would be declared as an emergency. Our Oregon history is rich in many ways and the statue that [the legislature](#) is so anxious to remove should remain in its current location. I will make my comments very short on Mr. Mark Hatfield. Mark Hatfield has 8 symbols of honor in Oregon. Mr. Hatfield did an honorable job in the political positions that he was elected to. Mr. Hatfield received a salary for his efforts by the United States of America Citizens. [He](#) received many accolades throughout his tenure as one of our employees.

Jason Lee, however, gave of his time in unnumbered ways to set forth the settling of our beautiful Oregon without pay. How many symbols exist for a man who risked his life daily teaching, and continually moving forward to make Oregon a State. He has a rich history in working with the educating of the Flathead Indians. [It is important](#) to leave his statue where it now stands, for the purpose of [teaching](#) those who come to the Capitol, to [learn](#) about the histories of the men and women that have made our Nation great. Jason Lee is certainly a man whose life's story needs to be shared with today's citizens young and old, and [be](#) told to those that journey to our America because of what these pioneers created. Please let well enough alone and not go to the expense of creating another politician's statue. We are way over our heads in debt now and we need to cut back on every unnecessary item that we can.

I have left the following text that has already been sent because it has been so well expressed, that I would like you to read it once again. Do not forget that it is "We the People" that are your employers, we get the feeling that many of our Congressmen and women forget that. Stella Guenther

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ps I agree with the postscript at the end of this page

HB4071 declares an emergency necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and takes effect upon passage.

Where is the emergency?

Where is this action an immediate threat to public peace or health and safety?

This makes a mockery of the legislative process by allowing a few legislators to make a Historical decision and not allowing the people to challenge by petition and a vote!

What can you do to stop this outrageous bill that is transforming Oregon History?

There is a Public Hearing and work session Monday February 17th at 3:00 PM Room HR 50

House Committee On Rules

Meeting Details 2/17/2014 3:00 PM, HR 50

Dear Ms. Seiler,

I was VERY disappointed to see this bill back on the agenda in 2014. Mark Hatfield may have been a very fine man, a good governor and senator, but he was just a politician. Politicians get enough accolades, and we already have a Hatfield Marine Science Center, the Mark O. Hatfield United States Courthouse in Portland, the Mark O. Hatfield Library at the Willamette University, the Hatfield Government Center light rail station in Hillsboro, and the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government in the College of Urban and Public Affairs at Portland State University. There's even a research center named after him at the National Institutes of Health. Isn't that enough?!

Jason Lee and John McLaughlin are Oregon's Founding Fathers. We no longer seem to care about history, but history tells us who we are. We need to be drawing more attention to what made this country, and this state, a great place to live. We need to celebrate our history. We need to celebrate CITIZENS, not politicians.

I am also rather irritated that this bill's sponsor has declared an 'emergency' on this legislation. I would like to know just what the emergency is. As far as I am concerned, the only emergency we face today is stopping legislators from passing ill-thought-out and destructive legislation.

I would appreciate your passing on these comments to the Rules Committee, as I understand there will be a hearing on Monday.

Sincerely Yours,

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PS: I am a Republican and I STILL do not want Mark Hatfield honored in this way!