



February 12, 2022

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

**Re: SB 5702**

## **\$17 Million Investment**

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In partnership with the City of Hillsboro, the Hillsboro Hops request an investment of \$17 million from the General Fund for inclusion in SB 5702. These dollars would serve to upgrade the Gordon Faber Recreation Complex, Ron Tonkin Field and Hillsboro Stadium facilities in Washington County and expand sports and community event opportunities across Oregon.

These facilities have long been community assets, not only in our county but across the state. Our fields serve all Oregon residents in need of an available sports facility — whether it's a statewide high school football tournament, women's college soccer games, or Hillsboro Hops baseball games. Our event spaces serve as venues for vaccine clinics, holiday light shows, local fundraisers, high school graduations, corporate events, and so much more. These facilities are used by community members year-round.

**With increased year-round usage and increasing demand for sports venues, these spaces no longer meet Oregon's growing needs.**

As part of the new Hillsboro Hops and MLB partnership, the Gordon Faber Complex, Ron Tonkin Field and Hillsboro Stadium will be modernized over the next two years. The City of Hillsboro has partnered with the Hops to fund stadium upgrades to meet the minimum MLB standards for this modernization. While this project is underway, **we have a unique opportunity to address ongoing facility needs in our state.**

To solve capacity problems and transform Oregon sports and community event possibilities into the future, we propose a \$17 million state investment in these facilities. This investment would work in partnership with the Hillsboro Hops and the City of Hillsboro's existing project timeline and allow for a **comprehensive renovation** that would address facility needs in our communities.

### **Gordon Faber Recreation Complex, Ron Tonkin Field, Hillsboro Stadium - \$17M**

- Upgrade the baseball and football stadiums to allow for simultaneous use and reduce existing event conflicts.
- Update existing fields to multi-use artificial turf for Oregon students to utilize for a variety of sports.
- Create new food and restroom services.
- Expand parking to accommodate simultaneous events.
- Create an outdoor venue that would attract national attention and increase city and county revenue.

[Click here](#) to view the breakdown of the investment dollars and learn more about the impact this investment will have across our state.

### **\$20 Million Investment**

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In conjunction with the proposed improvements at the Gordon Faber Recreation Complex, Ron Tonkin Field and Hillsboro Stadium facilities in Washington County outlined above, the Hillsboro Hops propose an additional **\$20 million in facility improvements across Hillsboro** that will address long-standing community needs and ensure community recreational opportunities are replaced and amplified in historically underserved areas. This investment will maximize our public/private partnership in a way that makes recreation more accessible — especially for our region's growing and diversifying population. The City of Hillsboro strongly supports this request and is ready to deliver on these important projects. These investments will go towards projects at the

#### **\$17M INVESTMENT**

**\$4M Detach  
Baseball and Football  
Stadiums**

**\$6.5M New Food Service  
and Restrooms**

**\$2.5M New Visiting  
Team Locker Room**

**\$2M Conversion to  
Artificial Turf**

**\$2M Parking Expansion**

#### **\$20M INVESTMENT**

**\$17.5M for  
Washington County  
Fairgrounds**

**\$2.5M for M&M  
Marketplace**

**Washington County Fairgrounds Sports Complex and M&M Marketplace, [which span across the city of Hillsboro](#).**

The Washington County Fairgrounds Sports Complex is a long-standing partnership between Washington County and the City of Hillsboro which provides sports fields and play opportunities for numerous athletes and teams. Much-needed improvements would significantly expand a more diverse program and extend seasons and hours of use.

The M&M Marketplace is a cultural hub which provides the community a place to gather to socialize, shop for unique goods and services, and participate in sports and cultural activities. The proposed site and facility improvements will increase year-round usage and expand programs and opportunities for the community in areas that are generally underserved.

**Washington County Fairgrounds Sports Complex - \$17.5M**

- Redevelop the existing site, convert natural grass fields to artificial turf and add lights, increasing usage (hours) and accommodate a wider variety of sports program needs.
- Increase parking, modernize park amenities such as: restrooms, picnic shelter, playground, multi-use sport courts and other park amenities.
- Create a new RV Park adjacent to the park to accommodate out-of-town travelers.

These proposed improvements in conjunction with the new Wingspan Events Center will create a destination location for numerous community and sporting events, which would increase city and county revenue while also better serving a larger cross-section of community residents. The site is served by local bus routes and a light rail stop, making access easier for both local residents and visitors.

**M&M Marketplace - \$2.5M**

- Expand the important and culturally-significant footprint and reach within the Latinx community, and attract a broader spectrum of community users.
- Upgrade the existing indoor futsal facility to improve player safety and spectator amenities, and multi-use courts for expanded sports and group activities.
- Expand partnership opportunities between the City, community user groups and aspiring entrepreneurs and local nonprofits to provide services and programming at the site.

The M&M Marketplace site is within easy walking distance of local bus service and a light rail stop in nearby downtown, making access easier for area residents. Upgraded facilities will promote other programming opportunities for youth after-school and daytime uses, along with a wider variety of weekend and summer programming needs.

## **Thank You**

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On behalf of the Hillsboro Hops, along with the City of Hillsboro, we want to thank you for your consideration of these important investments in our growing communities.

If you have questions, feel free to contact:

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