



TO: Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey;
Members of the Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Capital Construction

RE: Support for Hillsboro Hops Capital Construction Project

May 5, 2023

Dear Co-Chairs Girod and Holvey,

As members of Washington County legislative delegation, we write in strong support for a \$25 million request to support the construction of a multi-purpose ballpark and entertainment complex in Hillsboro. Projected to break ground in summer 2023, the 6,500-seat complex would be home to our Hillsboro Hops baseball team, as well as countless concerts, community events, youth programs, and more activities all year round.

The Hops are proud to be partnering with a construction contractor that utilizes a unionized workforce. We anticipate that the project will be completed by 2025, allowing this investment to make an immediate impact to the region. The Hops are proud to have secured over 80% of the project funding and are asking the state to provide \$25M in support.

The economic impacts catalyzed by the new ballpark are transformational. Estimates from a commissioned EcoNorthwest Report indicate that visitor spending at restaurants, hotels and stores in the local community could be as much as \$78 per day. We anticipate that the project will be completed by 2025, allowing this investment to make an immediate impact to the region. In addition to visitor spending, the Hops are projecting the following economic benefits:

- Over \$190M in local economic output
- 982 FTE Jobs with nearly \$83M in labor income during the construction phases
- After opening, ballpark will generate \$64M in economic output, employ 381 FTE with \$20M paid in wages.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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