

Submitter: Jarred Bierbrauer

On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Capital
Construction

Measure: HB5202

Dear Sen. Girod, Rep. Holvey and Members of the Capital Construction Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the construction of the new Hillsboro Hops baseball stadium, as proposed in HB5202. As a proud citizen of Oregon and a passionate baseball enthusiast, I firmly believe that investing in this project is not only beneficial for our local community, but also for the broader cultural and economic landscape of our state.

The Hillsboro Hops have become an integral part of our community since their arrival in 2013. Their commitment to providing affordable family entertainment, fostering youth development through sports, and contributing to local charitable initiatives is commendable and greatly appreciated by residents of Hillsboro and Oregon as a whole.

As a graduate of Oregon State University, I had the amazing opportunity to record (as a journalist) and personally experience (as a fan) the insurmountable impact baseball can have on a community, especially through OSU Baseball's 2018 national championship win. That being said, the one complaint every Beavers fan had was the need for a bigger, better stadium--and the Hops share a similar struggle.

A new stadium would not only enhance the game-day experience for fans but also provide increased revenue opportunities for local businesses and job creation within the region. The proposed utilization of Oregon state funds to finance the construction aligns with our collective vision of investing in projects that stimulate economic growth and promote community well-being.

Furthermore, as the Creative Coordinator for the Hops, I have witnessed firsthand the passion and dedication of our organization in engaging with fans of all ages and backgrounds. A modern, state-of-the-art stadium would enable us to continue delivering memorable experiences for fans while also attracting new audiences to the sport of baseball.

I urge you to support HB5202 and the construction of the new Hillsboro Hops baseball stadium. Together, we can build a brighter future for our community and leave a lasting legacy for generations to come.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,

Jarred Bierbrauer