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On Behalf Of: Salem Baseball - Softball Turf Project

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

Measure: HB5202

I am writing in support of the Salem Baseball/Softball Turf Project at Willamette University. Installing turf has the potential to bring in millions of dollars in positive economic impact for the Salem region. With turf, more tournaments can potentially be held there throughout the year, which means that visiting teams fill area hotels and spend dollars in our community's restaurants, retail establishments, attractions, etc. It will make Salem, which is already considered a top destination in the country for softball/baseball tournaments, that much more competitive in luring sporting events to the area, expanding the season from just a few months to potentially year-round. It will also improve the quality of life for local residents as local clubs will be able to utilize the turf fields, too.