

Submitter: Jeremy Cleveland

On Behalf
Of: Hillsboro Hops

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

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To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Jeremy Cleveland. I am the current president for Reedville Youth Baseball in Hillsboro. We participate in Westside Youth Baseball which is a subsidiary to Junior Baseball of Oregon. Over the past few years, we have enjoyed our relationship with the Hillsboro Hops, KL Wambacher and owners Mike and Laura McMurray.

There is no question that youth baseball in Oregon is dying, it could be because of the weather, interest in other spring time sports, not to mention the increased number of club baseball available to those who can afford it. Reedville has been able to stay viable because of the generosity of the Hillsboro Hops and owners, Mike and Laura McMurray. Over the past two years, Mike and Linda along with the Hops organization has donated \$20,500 to Reedville.

These donations have allowed us to make much needed field improvements and purchase machinery to make our fields safer and more attractive to ball players and their families.

Reedville is the largest and oldest (75 years) non profit Junior Baseball organization in Hillsboro. We strive to keep registration costs affordable for families, so that as many kids as possible from Pre-K to 8th grade can enjoy the game of baseball. But with the rising costs of field conditioners, chalk, fertilizers and fuel youth non profit baseball and softball in our area would likely have a hard time staying relevant without the help from the Hillsboro Hops.

Having the Hops in Hillsboro has been more than just bragging that the next MLB star played here (Corbin Carroll). It really has been about the relationships the Hops have developed with local non profit organizations. The impact they have on the community stretches far beyond baseball, to take this away would be detrimental to the community and the state, not to mention the thousands of little kids that might just fall in love with the game. Like I did.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Cleveland
President Reedville Baseball