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This makes economic sense for the state. The new ballpark will provide \$6.9 million in state income tax from the construction jobs and \$1.5 million annually from the ballpark related jobs. This results in a payback to the state in 6.5 years on direct income tax alone.

We need positive stories for our region. Oregon has taken their hit with negative headlines lately. We need positive headlines and we need to invest in quality of life. This new venue will provide affordable entertainment options year round.

The Hops community support is substantial and grows every year. Since 2014, the Hops have donated over \$1 million to youth sports and education related opportunities.

We need places to gather for wholesome shared experiences. Ballparks bring people together like no other venue. Getting people out of their house and off their devices is critical for positive mental health. Nothing beats a generational experience like grandparents taking their grandkids to their first baseball game!