

Submitter: Elizabeth Case

On Behalf  
Of:

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

Measure: HB5201

I am writing to you today as a fan of Hillsboro Hops Baseball to urge you to support their funding request for a new stadium to meet Major League Baseball requirements. Without this funding, we run the risk of losing professional baseball in our region, which would be a detriment to our community and local economy.

The Hillsboro Hops are more than a sports team – they are a community asset that gives back to help promote physical education in our schools, and celebrates inclusivity and acceptance at every game. Losing the Hops would be a disappointment and disservice to our community.

The Hillsboro Hops Fund has been giving back to communities across the Metro area since they arrived, giving over \$100,000 to 30+ youth baseball and softball leagues in 2023 alone. That's a million dollars for baseball fields, uniforms, and dug-out improvements since 2014. Plus, they offer fundraising and vending opportunities for our local heroes. Without them, this whole community benefit disappears.

As a resident of Washington County who lives, works and plays here I see the value of sport in our communities. From the tourism and taxes that the team brings in each season, to the welcoming gathering place it serves for so many of us because of the above and beyond inclusive ways that the team supports the region and underserved communities.

I respectfully request you vote YES in funding the Hillsboro Hops request to help with a new stadium.