

Chair Nathanson, Vice-Chairs Reschke and Walters, and Members of the House Committee on Revenue,

Below are responses from young baseball players and fans from Southwest Washington about why they support of Senate Bill 110 and bringing MLB to Portland.

These young men are the future of baseball! They will be in high school when the stadium is projected to open. Although they are only 9 to 12 years old, many of them are playing at the top level or higher for their age brackets. They play on competitive travel teams with tournaments throughout the Pacific Northwest. They play during the regular season as well as "Fall ball" and practice year-round. Many of them play for the Majors Division in Little League. They have goals of playing in college and beyond.

Axel #26

12 years old, plays for Premier Baseball Club and Cascade Little League

"I know that would be good for the sport because there will be another team, another draft with more opportunities. I think it would be cool for people to be out on kayaks on the water to try to catch home run balls that go over the fence into the water. This would be good for people in the area so they don't have to drive 2 hours or maybe more to get to a baseball game. They could drive 30 minutes or 45 minutes to watch a MLB game."

Montgomery #8

12 years old, plays for Premier Baseball Club

"I think it would be cool to have a team so close and not have to drive up to Seattle. Portland already has a basketball team so I was hoping we would get a baseball team soon."

Nash #26

9 years old, plays for Premier Baseball Club and Cascade Little League

"I want it so there's a MLB stadium closer, and we don't have to sit in the car as long to see them play."

Elijah #9

12 years old, plays for Cascade Little League

"A stadium and team would be amazing in Portland because it would give all the people in South Washington and OR the opportunity to enjoy baseball and have a home team."

Josh #10

11 years old, plays for Hockinson Little League

"It would be great to have a team here in Portland!"

Jonathan #5

12 years old, plays for Hockinson Little League

"Seattle is too far of a drive."

Cooper #4

12 years old, plays for Premier Baseball Club

"It could help more teams in the PNW so they don't have to travel so far for tournaments."

Hunter#2

12 years old, plays for Hazel Dell Little League

"So that we can go to watch baseball games easier like how we can go to the Moda center for basketball."

Conor

12 years old

"It would be really fun to go watch some baseball games just across the river. I have always been into baseball a lot."

Easten

12 years old

"Because it'll be good to spread the awareness about baseball."