

February 5, 2018

Representative Paul Holvey Chair, House Business and Labor Committee 900 Court St NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Holvey,

This letter is to express support for HB 4093, by the Washington County Visitors Association.

The Portland Winterhawks are a significant contributor to our community, exemplified by their proposed public-private partnership with the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) to build a new state of the art ice activities venue in Washington County. This project will not only provide significant new sports and recreation opportunities for the region, but through increasing tournaments and events would provide a positive economic impact in increased annual hotel room rentals and expenditures associated with sporting competitions.

The economic impact benefits realized from tourism dollars generated through tournaments and events will support and drive additional overnight stays in area hotels thus generating new revenues in our restaurants, shopping and entertainment venues. Growing local sporting amenities is good for the economy and good for our community.

In conclusion, we encourage you to support HB 4093 and continue a policy that has significant benefits for our state and local communities.

Respectfully,

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