

May 5, 2023

Joint Committee on Capital Construction

Re: HB 5030

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Girod and Representative Holvey and distinguished Committee Members,

My name is Adam Brown. I am the City Manager in Keizer, Oregon. I am writing in support of the City of Keizer's Capital funding request in House Bill 5030 for upgrades to Volcanoes Stadium in Keizer. Volcanoes Stadium was built in 1997 through a public/private partnership. The capital request is the only formal public request ever made by the Stadium in its 26 years of existence.

The requested upgrades total approximately \$1.95 million and include artificial field turf to replace real grass turf and energy efficient LED field lighting. Approximately \$1.1 million has been raised for this project. Our capital request from you is for the remaining \$850,000 needed to complete the project.

The new artificial field turf will open up the facility for other sports like soccer, lacrosse, and football. Additionally, play can be held almost year-round on the artificial turf, whereas now play is significantly constrained by the rain.

New LED field lighting will be 75% more energy efficient than the current 26-year old lighting system. Energy savings means lower operational costs, that can be passed on to end users, which means a more inclusive facility.

The City of Keizer has had a 26-year public private partnership with Sports Enterprises Inc. This project will positively impact the local economy bringing both players, family, friends, and fans to the facility which is good for Keizer, Marion County, and Oregon.

The Keizer City Council voted to approve submission of this project as a partner with Sports Enterprises, Inc. The project is ready to move forward and is planned for this fall. I strongly encourage funding this project because it is ready to go, is leveraged with other private funding, and will be an economic boost for the city, county and State.

Thank you for your consideration

Respectfully Submitted,



Adam Brown,  
City Manager  
Keizer, Oregon