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On Behalf Of: Salem Baseball and Softball Turf Project

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

Measure: HB5202

I am writing in support of the Salem Baseball / Softball Turf Project at Willamette University. I support this project as it will help Willamette teams to have out of town schools come to play in Salem and not cancel due to field conditions. Thus, having an economic impact on Oregon instead of the school being an economic impact on other states due to having to travel in the early spring all the time to play pre-season games. The field being turf with lights would also help the Salem area High Schools teams be able to play close to home when the weather does not allow them to play on their home fields. With the state helping out other municipalities with bigger stadiums for minor league teams it would be fair to help out with Willamette as they will be bringing in the Salem Baseball group that will be a positive impact on the school, city and the state during the summer months. As the City of Salem Recreation/ Softball Program Manager it is apparent to me for the need of turf fields for the college, high schools and the travel ball teams and the rec programs in the Salem area and with the Salem Baseball group and Willamette University raising the majority of the money it would help if the state would help them to secure the funding to do both the baseball and the softball fields so they are fair and equitable to both the men's and women programs. I ask you to take into consideration for the state to help with this project for the Salem area.

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