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A multi-use sports and entertainment venue brings a high volume and consistent flow of people as well as valuable views and a sense of place. This helps attract development, which adds to the tax base. According to a study by ECONorthwest, the new stadium will generate significant economic benefits for Lane County. The construction of the stadium alone is expected to infuse \$75.90 million in economic output and create over 500 full-year equivalent jobs. Once operational, the stadium will attract baseball fans and concertgoers revitalizing the Lane Events center and injecting an estimated \$31.68 million in economic output and supporting nearly 300 full-year equivalent jobs annually.

I can't imagine Eugene, Oregon without a fantastic local baseball team that my kids will grow up to enjoy just like I did all those years back. If it wasn't for the Emeralds having such a consistently positive and philanthropic presence in our community it definitely would not be the same! The tired old Lane County fairgrounds has been a eyesore since I was a kid and this is just the thing to give a boost to our jobs as well as our great community spaces to enjoy! BUILD THE STADIUM and keep our Ems in Eugene! ??