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Thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 5201.

We run a 110-person company in Beaverton and we have, since the Hillsboro Hops were formed, bought season tickets to the Hops for our employees. The Hops have provided a lot of good family entertainment for these people.

The Hops provide affordable entertainment for many who cannot afford much more expensive Blazers or Timbers tickets. If the Hops are able to stay in Oregon and build a new stadium, I think their profile will rise, along with attendance figures, with revenue generated and jobs created. I think it is not realistic that Portland will get a Major League Baseball team in the next decades, and baseball fans are want some professional baseball in the Portland area.

I think the Hops have been a wonderful addition to our state. Please continue to support them. If the Hops leave Hillsboro (there is a rumor they might move to Vancouver, WA), it would be a terrible waste.