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**Bill Title:** Relating to revenue.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:** Department of Administrative Services, Judicial Department, State Treasurer, Department of Revenue

### Summary of Fiscal Impact

Costs related to the measure are indeterminate at this time - see explanatory impact.

### Measure Description

The measure raises the dollar cap on incremental baseball tax revenue that may be granted for construction of a major league stadium in Portland from \$150 million to \$800 million, plus reasonable financing costs incurred by the grantees. The minimum estimated cost of the stadium is also increased from \$300 million to \$2 billion. Future tax revenues would only be granted if a Major League Baseball (MLB) franchise agrees to move to Portland and after all non-state funding is secured. If these conditions were met, and subject to an appropriation of the funds by the Legislature, an amount equal to the estimated incremental baseball tax revenues would be transferred to the Major League Stadium Grant Fund and disbursed under the grant agreements.

In 2003, the Legislature passed SB 5, which allows the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), with approval from the Oregon State Treasury (OST), to enter into agreements to use incremental baseball tax revenue for the costs of developing, constructing, and furnishing a major league baseball stadium in Portland that has an estimated cost of \$300 million or more. Agreements may not be longer than 30 years and incremental baseball tax revenue is defined as income tax revenue on the tax returns filed by the members of a professional athletic team engaged in MLB who receives more than \$50,000 per tax year and capped the revenue total at \$150 million. The Department of Revenue (DOR) is required to estimate and determine the actual incremental baseball tax revenues and notify DAS of the amounts. The Legislative Assembly then appropriates an amount equal to the estimated incremental baseball tax revenues from the General Fund to the Major League Stadium Grant Fund.

### Fiscal Analysis

At this time, the cost of building a major league baseball stadium, the portion of non-state funds that could be raised, and financing costs are unknown. Therefore, the amounts of the one or more agreements that OST and DAS are permitted to enter into on behalf of the state cannot be quantified. The measure specifies that if the incremental baseball tax revenue exceeds the amount required to amortize a loan of \$800 million over a period of 30 years, the excess may be retained by the state. Future appropriations will be supported by the incremental baseball tax revenue generated by members of the professional athletic team, as defined in the measure, and the agreements do not create a debt for the state of Oregon.

There is no immediate fiscal impact to DAS, DOR, or the Oregon Judicial Department with passage of this measure. However, if an MLB franchise is established in Oregon, DOR may require additional resources related to the transfer of eligible tax revenues.

**Relevant Dates**

The measure takes effect on January 1, 2026.