

March 24th, 2025

Senate Committee on Finance and Revenue



Re: Please Support the -1 amendments to SB 110

Dear Chair Meek:

Chair Meek, members of the committee: thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 110.

I am writing in strong support of SB 110 with the -1 amendments. As the Executive Director of Human Access Project (HAP), we are excited about the development of a new Major League Baseball stadium in South Waterfront. The proposed project is not seeking any public support outside of public financing. Not only will this project be a catalyst for downtown economic recovery, it is a clear link of the business community seeing benefit from a healthy, swimmable Willamette River.

HAP is a nonprofit organization based in Portland, Oregon. The mission of HAP is Transforming Portland's Relationship with the Willamette River. Our vision is a City in Love with its River. HAP has one of the strongest water based nonprofit Board teams in the State of Oregon. Our role in the community is catalyzing cultural change around how people feel about and interact with the Willamette River. We want the community to view the Willamette River as an asset, something to be valued and protected. We want to foster and drive a connection between the people of Portland and the river that runs through our community. As such, our goals include improving Willamette River edge spaces for recreation, developing creative activation/programming around these spaces, fostering environmental stewardship, community investment and connection with these spaces, and identifying and removing barriers to people feeling comfortable interacting with the river.

HAP is excited to see this important step in bringing Portland Diamond Project's vision into reality. Many thanks in advance for consideration of support of SB 110.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Willie Levenson".

Willie Levenson  
Executive Director  
Human Access Project