



OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 19, 2025

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation – HCR 40

Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this explanation of my NAY vote on HCR 40. I did not vote Nay on this bill because I don't like the Portland Trailblazers or the NBA. I voted no because I see what is coming next.

Earlier this week the House passed SB110 which allows a Major League Baseball (MLB) franchise to enter a perpetual revenue sharing agreement with the State of Oregon. In short, the bill provides a State backed loan of up to \$2 billion to an MLB franchise to build a new stadium in Portland if they decide to locate here. The MLB franchise will then pay back the 30-year loan with payroll taxes from their players and visiting players, along with other game related revenues. By the payroll tax going to repay the loan, it is money that will not be going into the general fund to be used for education, community services, paving roads, etc.

HCR 40 States,

"...we urge the current and future owners of the Trail Blazers, in partnership with the National Basketball Association, to make a lasting commitment to keep the team based in Oregon for generations to come".

If I was the current or future owner of the Portland Trailblazers, who play in an arena built in 1995 and which is located in a part of Portland that is difficult to get to, due to ODOT not completing the Rose Quarter project (promised in the 2017 transportation package), I would absolutely be coming to the Legislature to say, "You passed a resolution begging us to stay, we want a State loan to for 30 years just like you gave to the MLB for a brand new area or we are relocating out of state".

SB110 opened a door, and HCR 40 said to the Trailblazers future ownership "come on in". Therefore, I could not support the bill.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "A Scharf".

Anna Scharf
State Representative – HD 23