

SB 110 - VOTE EXPLANATION

Thank you, Mr. President.

Who doesn't love baseball? It's as American as the 4th of July and apple pie. My husband is a life-long Cubs fan and I'm a St. Louis Cardinals fan, but I will switch if we get a team here in Oregon.

I believe that these are challenging economic times, with much uncertainty ahead. I also suspect that the boosters, a group of very wealthy investors, would be able to complete this project without state participation.

Having said that, I appreciate this bill's investment in good paying jobs in its construction that will attract trades workers from across the state.

I appreciate the stakeholder's commitment to good labor provisions for all future employees at the park.

I appreciate that bonds would be issued only if Oregon is awarded a team, paid off only through taxes paid only by the players, and only for a limited term.

I appreciate that people from across Oregon and beyond share an interest in a safe and welcoming place to visit in our largest metropolitan area, and this could be an important addition to that landscape.

So, I would like to thank all the stakeholders involved for the extensive guardrails in place to safeguard the financial interests of the entire state in the years to come.