

HB 2738 -2 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure prohibits the use of racing vehicles that use leaded fuel on race tracks located within the limits of a city with a population of 500,000 or greater starting January 1, 2026.

Detailed summary:

Prohibits a person from using leaded fuel to power a racing vehicle on the premises of a race track located within the limits of a city with a population of 500,000 or greater, effective January 1, 2026. Prohibits an owner or operator of a race track located within the limits of a city with a population of 500,000 or greater from permitting any person to operate a racing vehicle powered by leaded fuel on the premises of the race track, effective January 1, 2026. Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

- *FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement issued yet*
- *REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement issued yet*

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-2 The amendment changes the effective date of the prohibition of using leaded fuel on race tracks from 2026 to 2029.

BACKGROUND:

There are various potential health and environmental health hazards associated with lead exposure. Lead exposure can harm the kidneys, and damage the nervous, immune, reproductive, and cardiovascular systems. Children, especially infants, are more sensitive to the effects of lead in the body and may experience behavioral problems, learning deficits, and a lowered IQ. Lead's environmental impacts include soil and water contamination. It can also harm plants, animals, and cause neurological issues in vertebrates.

Leaded gasoline was regularly used in the United States until the 1970s and the passage of the Clean Air Act (CAA). Under its CAA authority, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency began regulating the permissible amount of lead in gasoline until it banned leaded gasoline completely for cars of model year 1975. However, leaded gasoline is still used in aircraft, racing cars, farm equipment, and marine engines.