

I start by stating, I oppose this bill. Why are you trying to ban leaded fuel in City's with a population of over 500,000 only? Do you not care about all the smaller community's health? Instead of presenting it this way, why not just state you want Portland International Raceway (PIR) shut down (or ban leaded fuel so they lose the revenue which in return will shut them down). This bill fails to address any other cities/towns that have racetracks throughout Oregon. Whether that be circle track racing, motocross racing, kart racing, drifting etc., if this bill is about "health" are those communities and their health not important? The fact is this bill is singling out PIR to be shutdown or political gains.

Rep Nelson hosted a townhall last weekend and stated that "The Guardian" did research and their research is showing that schools within a 2-mile radius of PIR have lower reading and math scores. That is an interesting concept especially given this recent story:

<https://www.kgw.com/article/news/education/oregon-students-math-reading-data-lag-behind/283-89b5f3eb-7cc2-4033-89ed-c1d5bfadfa58>

Oregon Schools are and have been declining for decades, but the most decline since the pandemic. The above article shows Oregon fourth graders score third worst nationally in math and tie fourth worst in reading. A quick google search of Oregon Student Scores will show pages upon pages of schools throughout Oregon and their massive declining education. Don't blame PIR! I bet if the Guardian did "research" for the entire City of Portland they would see the exact outcome. If the students scores were the worst in Oregon within 2 miles of PIR, how would you know that came from PIR? Both Portland Glass Company and Malarkey Roofing were producing extremely harmful toxins, what does that do to students? Bottom line, there was no "study" done within a 2-mile radius, Oregon School scores as a whole state are among the worst.

In 2016 the University of Oregon did a study about lead pollution. I invite you all to watch this 10-minute video on the results of their study. <https://pdxair.uoregon.edu/2016/05/29/the-kenton-lead-blob/> This is called "The Kenton Lead Blob", they did a significant amount of research, including Portland International Raceway (PIR). They tested soil at PIR as well as many other North Portland locations. PIR and numerous other areas were well below the federal hazard level of 400 parts per million. PIR was lower than numerous samples in the Kenton and surrounding neighborhoods.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and G2 Consultants- Industrial Hygiene Assessment Report all verified that the results of the G2 assessment indicated that detectable concentrations of lead were observed at the PIR office roof, patio & pre-grid at both sampling events. As well as non-detectable concentrations at turn 11 and the south property line during both events. All results were well below the regulatory exposure limits established by OR-OSHA and recommended by the ACGIH. Based on the data collected, a definitive source(s) of the observed airborne lead cannot be determined since lead was present during both the vintage car festival and the track night event. Other potential sources of lead beyond leaded fuel from vehicles on the track could potentially be contributing to the observed concentrations of airborne lead at this site. Other factors include but may not be limited to the adjacent freeway located east of PIR, nearby industrial company sources and/or re-entrainment from previous contamination events on the site. (This is all stated in the G2 report I am sure you have all read through) DEQ, OHA and G2 all did studies, sampling and reported back the same.

Please know that banning this leaded fuel will cause numerous negative outcomes. While you will make a small vocal group of neighbors will be happy, will the businesses be happy with the loss of patrons? Delta Park and Kenton businesses have already suffered enough, why do this to them too? Will the patrons of PIR be happy? Will the racers be happy? What does the ban of this look like for the future of PIR? If this is banned, it will cause a significant loss of revenue for PIR. Which in return will eventually force it to close. What happens when it shuts down? This diamond within the City of Portland. Why isn't the city embracing PIR? Why aren't they fighting for it?

What will become of PIR if it shuts down? A 300-acre parcel of homeless camps? How will the North Portlanders like that? Because that is what will become of it. The city has turned it's back on the Delta Park area. Delta Park Complex has become overrun with homeless, trash, needles, lawlessness. So that is what will happen to PIR in time. I strongly oppose of this bill.

Do your research legislatures, put some very serious thought on this, look at the future and the domino effect of your decision.