

HB 2738

Dear Representative,

I am writing to you as a long time user of PIR (Portland International Raceway). I started as a teen with Thursday Night Motocross in 1976. Currently I am a club racer in my sixties and I volunteer with my club, and I volunteer to help put on the Professional Races at PIR. NASCAR Xfinity, IndyCar and Formula E for the two years they were here.

Obviously I am against this Bill, and I am asking you to vote No. The leaded fuel emissions were tested in 2017, and were well below the established limits. Oregon DEQ even met with the Kenton Neighborhood Association in September 2022 to reaffirm that the results from the 2017 Survey, showed that levels of lead reaching the community were below levels that would be expected to harm health. Mr. Nelson is spreading misinformation. He should be aware of the tests conducted and the results from 2017. Please review those findings in the attachments. This Bill would have zero effect on public health.

The third attachment is an informal survey recently conducted by PIR. This highlights the negative monetary impact if this Bill passes. PIR is a City Park owned and operated by the City of Portland. What most people don't know is that the track gets ZERO funding by the City. It is an Enterprise operation, meaning it funds itself through the user groups. The informal impact study shows how the loss of events due to the passing of this Bill, places the very existence of PIR in danger. If PIR closes, the Portland/Vancouver community would lose countless benefits, such as the many charity events held at PIR through the various user groups. There is also the annual Christmas Lights that raises money for the Sunshine Division. For example, Cascade Sports Car Club has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for children's charities since the 1984. In 2025, Cascade Sports Car Club will donate all proceeds from their annual DASH FOR KIDS race weekend to the Community Transitional School, located in NE Portland.

Additionally, the weekly Summer Cruise-In draws thousands of collector cars and spectators every year. Police departments from all parts of Oregon and Washington rent the track to do their pursuit training schools. Tire Rack Street Survival uses PIR to help teach teen drivers how to be better and safer drivers. And there are programs at PIR for adults to learn car control and become better drivers. The track is a vital community partner in all of this.

There are millions of dollars that are brought into the community from the events held at PIR. There are tickets purchased, concessions, motel rooms booked, flights booked, restaurants visited. Jobs are affected. Ticket booth attendants, parking and traffic control, security and more.

People come from all around the world to participate, watch and volunteer to work the events at PIR, and to enjoy their passion for motorsports. The positives of PIR far outweigh the non-measurable effects of leaded fuel. Please read the attachments, and **Please Vote No for House Bill 2738.**

Thank you for your time,
Michael Smith, PIR User