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We are a longtime family of racers and we strongly oppose this bill...

Portland International Raceway (PIR) allows the use of leaded race fuel at their events. Leaded race gasoline is legal for use in all 50 states in off-road conditions. Currently, PIR no longer sells leaded fuel on-site though it does allow for the usage of it.

To date: data from the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) (findings attached) are inconsistent with claims related to negative affects of leaded gasoline at PIR.

Their results are 'POLITICAL CLAIMS', not "FACTUAL CLAIMS or RESULTS".

DEQ stated in the report: "The results of this modeling showed that levels of lead reaching the community were below levels that would be expected to harm health..."

OHA stated: "The results of this modeling showed that levels of lead reaching the community were below levels that would be expected to harm health..."

PIR surveyed both program participants and stakeholders, it was found that implementation of banning leaded fuel on-site would result in substantial programmatic and budgetary impact to PIR. PIR is an Enterprise fund with a \$2million+ operating budget. Based on survey feedback, programmatic revenue impacts may reach over \$600,000

This level of lost revenue would render the Portland International Raceway insolvent!

There are races held at PIR that are viewed nationwide and worldwide that show the City of Portland in a good light. Why would you want to take that away?

There are no remaining existing motorsports events that could mitigate that level of financial loss and the loss would likely be permanent. The aforementioned lost revenue roughly equals the revenue from PIRs three major events.

When racers are forced to modify their equipment, (at great cost), to accommodate a particular track, they often seek out an alternative track. Currently, there are three road-race tracks that operate within 2 hours of Portland International Raceway and they will benefit economically and reputationally, should PIR ban leaded race fuel.

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