

Oregon House of Representatives
House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment
Oregon State Capitol

Re: Opposition to HB 2738

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee:

As a supporter and user of Portland International Raceway (PIR), I wanted to express my opposition to House Bill 2738.

HB 2738 is not based on facts, but rather a sensationalistic and misleading article written by The Guardian several years ago. The real facts are in the public records with the City of Portland.

Fact: Portland's Bureau of Parks and Recreation oversees PIR and maintains that lead emissions from the track do not pose a health risk. (G2 Consultants, Inc. (2017). Industrial Hygiene Assessment Report for Portland International Raceway.)

Fact: This stance is supported by a 2017 study that tested lead levels during race events and found them within safe limits. Additionally, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) have conducted air quality modeling and monitoring, concluding that lead emissions from PIR do not exceed levels that would harm the health of nearby residents. (Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Health Authority. (2022). Memo to Kenton Neighborhood Association.)

Fact: PIR has already taken steps to mitigate lead exposure by discontinuing the on-site sale of leaded fuel in 2023, allowing its use for vehicles from teams that bring their fuel.

HB 2738 is flawed and not based on facts. For that reason, HB 2738 should be rejected.

Sincerely,
Kim McFarland, PIR Supporter and User