

Submitter: Kevin Smith

On Behalf Of:

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I oppose this bill for several reasons.

The first is that as an SCCA and ICSCC road racer I use PIR to race at 5-7 weekends per year, and the rules for the class my car runs in require the use of leaded 110 octane racing fuel. So, if this bill were enacted it would mean that I would no longer be able to participate in road racing at Portland International Raceway.

The second reason is that this bill seems written to only apply to Portland International Raceway. Thus it seems more like it is designed to shut the track down by limiting the amateur racing that happens at the track, including drag racing, such that PIR could no longer afford to run quite a few of its events. Similarly, many of the tracks renters would no longer be able to afford to rent the track, as their customer base would be more limited, and therefore the renter would be in a money losing position for the events that they rent the track to put on.

Lastly, although I know there are health issues associated with leaded fuel use, there is no evidence that the eliminating use of leaded racing gas at PIR would have any impact on the level of lead in the community. Aviation fuel for private small aircraft uses leaded gas, and would continue to use that.

Thank you,
Kevin Smith