

Submitter: Carol and Robert Brown  
On Behalf Of: PIR Photographer for 20 Years  
Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

Please OPPOSE HB 2738. This bad bill will not only negatively impact Oregon racers, but also, those of us who have raced at the Portland International Raceway, who live in Vancouver and the surrounding cities. Our two daughters and my husband raced at P.I.R. for many years, at the Wednesday, ET Bracket racing events, and late night drags, and the racers were like our second family. I was a volunteer photographer there for 20 years, so I was very close to the cars - from the burnout boxes to the starting line, and have had no ill effects from being around any exhaust. Our daughter's car used AV gas, and most high performance engines require leaded fuel. I would say that there are less cars racing at P.I.R. that use leaded fuel than in the past, and if there have been any ill effects for school children, I don't believe that the cars that race at P.I.R. are responsible for that. It is easy to blame cars/fuel and racing, when the problem most likely is the failure of public schools to teach kids solid subjects like math, reading, writing and science because many schools have moved to teaching a social agenda, rather than actual subjects that will help them succeed in life . Student scores have fallen here in Washington State for the same reason as well, and you can't blame that on lead gas being used at P.I.R. If there have been no blood tests done on school children for lead, then using lead gas and car racing as the cause, is baseless. There are many other ways to come in contact with lead, like older homes in North Portland perhaps still having lead-based paint, lead pipes, or emissions from airplanes at the Portland International Airport, which fly right over the track, and even fluoride has been the cause of lower IQs. Cars, and especially race cars, are low-hanging fruit for those who worship at the altar of climate change. Please do not ruin the family-friendly motorsports venues happening at P.I.R. and harm the surrounding businesses that profit from racers who use their services. Not many public parks also provide funds for the City of Portland. Please note NO on this bill!