

Submitter: Todd Harris

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

Dear Chair and Committee Members,

I am a Portland International Raceway supporter who opposes House Bill 2738.

I grew up in a racing family that has enjoyed PIR for over 50 years. Through all those years I have witnessed the growth of the track to become a world class facility hosting events ranging from professional races and car club track days to weekly bicycle races and fund-raising walks such as the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. It also hosts the Sunshine Division Winter Wonderland Holiday Lights event every year to the delight of children of all ages.

PIR funds itself through various user groups holding events at the track. If this bill passes it may affect some user group's ability to hold events, therefore creating a financial strain on the track.

PIR already discontinued the sale of leaded fuel in 2023 on site to limit lead exposure. A study done by G2 Consultants in 2017 reported that after testing lead levels during races they found the levels to be within safe limits to the public.

The positives that PIR brings to the Portland economy and the many users of the track need to be considered before passing a flawed bill.

Please vote No on House Bill 2738.

Todd Harris