

Submitter: Haley Harmon

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2738

Testimony Opposing HB 2738
Public Hearing

Dear Members of the Committee,

My name is Haley Harmon, and I am writing in strong opposition to HB 2738. As a passionate and active member of the racing community, I am deeply concerned about the unintended consequences this bill would have on motorsports and public safety.

Race tracks provide a controlled, legal environment for high-performance driving. By restricting the use of leaded fuel at tracks in cities with a population of 500,000 or more, this bill risks pushing racers away from sanctioned events and, in some cases, onto the streets. Street racing is dangerous, illegal, and puts lives at risk. Tracks offer a safe, structured alternative where racers can compete responsibly, with safety measures in place and emergency personnel on standby.

HB 2738 also threatens the accessibility of motorsports, particularly for grassroots racers and small teams who rely on existing fuel options to participate. Racing is more than just a sport—it is a community that provides mentorship, camaraderie, and opportunities for young drivers to develop their skills in a safe setting. If we start limiting access to race tracks by imposing fuel restrictions, we risk losing a key outlet that keeps people off the streets and engaged in positive competition.

Beyond safety concerns, race tracks also contribute significantly to local economies, supporting jobs, tourism, and small businesses. If this bill forces events and racers out of major cities, the economic impact will be felt not just by the tracks but by the surrounding communities that depend on race-related business.

Rather than imposing restrictions that could drive racers away from safe, legal competition, I encourage lawmakers to work with the racing community to find practical solutions that support both environmental concerns and the future of motorsports.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to oppose HB 2738. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Haley Harmon