

Please accept this testimony opposing HB 2738. I am completely sympathetic to the need to create and maintain a healthy ecosystem. Removing lead from our environment is an important issue. Indeed, I am a executive officer of a statewide conservation organization that relies on the use of science to make recommendations about the health of our air, land and water. But I am also a race car owner and driver who frequents Portland International Raceway. My car requires the use of leaded fuel. The proposed legislation would prohibit my participation at PIR, and would mean I would no longer travel to Oregon. The amount off lead that is introduced as a result of PIR allowing the use of leaded fuel is so insignificant as to be negligent. Not all or the cars competing at PIR require leaded fuel. There are no data provided supporting the need for HB 2738. Reviewing what has been provided with this bill, there is no substantiation of harm being caused. Thus, this legislation cannot possibly be based on any real science germane to the area surrounding PIR, and can only be considered feel-good but of no practical or real value.