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As an Oregonian and automotive enthusiast I strongly oppose this proposed measure. We have seen a dramatic national decline in availability of safe and sanctioned race tracks nationally over the last 5 years. This bill if proposed would inflate this problem here in Oregon by placing additional financial strain on racetracks that help offset some operational costs by providing access to fuel which is required to operate some track vehicles, and would reduce the number of vehicles able to effectively operate on racetracks in Oregon, further reducing revenue. It has been proven and we have seen that when drivers do not have access to a safe and low cost racetrack that the activity does not stop, but moves to public streets as we have struggled with already. Placing restrictions on the sale of the fuel will as well not stop the cars that require it from finding ways to access this. There would be no meaningful reduction of emissions or improvement in health and safety through banning a fuel that is infrequently used and already highly controlled. Instead the only impacts would likely be an increase of public risk of safety as tracks continue to shutter, and placing undue strain on already struggling tracks. This is something that as a race driver who does follow the guidelines and does only go to sanctioned events would be a huge disappointment and would be extremely sad to see the rich automotive community in Oregon dwindle for a baseless reason and vacuous benefits.