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The Covanta Marion waste incinerator is known to be one of the top 20 polluting industries in Oregon, emitting hundreds of toxins that are known to be injurious to human health. The incinerator burns thousands of tons of imported out of state medical waste, and due to a loophole in regulations, it is not subject to emission standards for medical waste incinerators, but rather the lower standards applied to municipal waste incineration. SB 488 would close that loophole and permit the State to regulate the facility as a medical waste incinerator which would better protect the environment and human health of the surrounding communities.