

SB 726-4  
(LC 866)  
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Requested by Senator SMITH DB

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO  
SENATE BILL 726**

1 On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, after the semicolon delete the rest  
2 of the line and insert “and declaring an emergency.”.

3 Delete lines 4 through 28.

4 Delete page 2 and insert:

5 **“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section:**

6 **“(a) ‘Landfill’ has the meaning given that term in ORS 459.005.**

7 **“(b) ‘Method 21’ means Method 21-Determination of Volatile Or-**  
8 **ganic Compound Leaks, as set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 60, Appendix A-7.**

9 **“(c) ‘OTM-51’ means the broadly applicable alternative test method**  
10 **approved by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as**  
11 **an alternative to surface emissions monitoring that meets the re-**  
12 **quirements of Method 21.**

13 **“(2) The Department of Environmental Quality shall establish a pi-**  
14 **lot program for landfills to use OTM-51 to conduct surface emissions**  
15 **monitoring.**

16 **“(3) The owner or operator of a landfill that voluntarily agrees to**  
17 **participate in the pilot program shall:**

18 **“(a) Use unmanned aircraft systems to conduct surface emissions**  
19 **monitoring using OTM-51, in addition to conducting surface emissions**  
20 **monitoring using Method 21;**

21 **“(b) Conduct surface emissions monitoring under the pilot program**

1 for four consecutive quarterly emissions reporting periods and report  
2 the data collected to the department; and

3 “(c) Use OTM-51 to conduct surface emissions monitoring in areas  
4 of the landfill that cannot be reached using Method 21.

5 “(4) Using data received by pilot program participants and other  
6 information collected by the department, the department shall:

7 “(a) Evaluate the availability and reliability of commercially avail-  
8 able OTM-51 surface emissions monitoring equipment or services, in-  
9 cluding a comparison of companies that offer OTM-51 equipment or  
10 services.

11 “(b) Compare location specific surface emissions monitoring data  
12 collected using Method 21 and OTM-51.

13 “(c) Identify and evaluate any differences between data collected  
14 using Method 21 and OTM-51 to conduct surface emissions monitoring.

15 “(d) Evaluate the performance of Method 21 and OTM-51 to conduct  
16 surface emissions monitoring across different weather conditions and  
17 topographies.

18 “(e) Evaluate the benefits and disadvantages of using Method 21 and  
19 OTM-51 to conduct surface emissions monitoring, including ease of  
20 use.

21 “(f) Compare the physical area covered by surface emissions moni-  
22 toring using OTM-51, and data collected for those areas, with areas  
23 covered by surface emissions monitoring using Method 21.

24 “(g) Evaluate the creation of Oregon-specific requirements for sur-  
25 face emissions monitoring using OTM-51.

26 “(5) The department shall reimburse the owner or operator of a  
27 landfill that participates in the pilot program for the costs of con-  
28 ducting surface emissions monitoring using OTM-51.

29 “(6) The department shall submit its findings under subsection (4)  
30 of this section in a report in the manner provided by ORS 192.245, and

1 may include recommendations for legislation, to the interim commit-  
2 tees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment no later  
3 than December 15, 2026.

4 **“SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2,  
5 **2027.**

6 **“SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate  
7 preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is  
8 declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect on its passage.”.

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