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Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas, with more than 80 times the warming potential of carbon dioxide. In order to meet climate goals for Oregon we must significantly reduce methane emissions in order to slow climate warming trends in the short term.

Since Oregon's landfills contribute significantly to methane pollution and current monitoring practices leave large portions of landfill surfaces unmonitored it is essential that we modernize our monitoring techniques.

SB 726 will ensure that all areas of landfills are monitored for methane leaks by implementing modern technologies and doing so will ultimately lead to better detection and mitigation of leaks, reducing overall emissions and strengthening Oregon's commitment to climate resilience.