

Submitter: Andrew Gray

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB726

Dear Chair and Members of the Oregon Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

My name is Andrew Gray and I'm writing in strong support of SB 726. Landfills are among the largest sources of methane emissions in Oregon, and one of those is in my county (Benton) and has been found to be in outrageous violation of their permitted emissions limits. We need better monitoring using efficient modern technology which could be easily deployed and transparently reported. This bill is critical to ensuring we accurately track and mitigate dangerous methane leaks that threaten both public health and our environment.

SB 726 bill will require the use of drones and modern technology to detect methane plumes across the state. This can help our state develop more comprehensive, efficient, and accurate emissions tracking systems across entire landfill sites. Improved monitoring can help our state agencies make informed, data-backed decisions moving forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.