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Please do NOT support SB726

This bill is for increased methane emission regulations which is already regulated by the EPA. More regulation by Oregon would say, "Oregon does not trust the EPA".

This bill calls for remote sensing measurements (drone, satellite, etc) which are not reliable. For example, a new aerial sensing technology called "carbon mapper" claims to map 'methane clouds' but is highly dependent on weather and wind conditions. Some days show "no methane" while others show variable signals. It would be irresponsible to push landfill operators to use an unproven technology. Also, a landfill owner could just pick the windy days to measure emissions when the signal would be the weakest.

It needs to be emphasized that remote, aerial, or drone methane measurement methods are unproven for accurate data. The EPA has NOT developed a test method specification for aerial sensing and neither has the Oregon DEQ. What proponents are asking for does not yet exist.