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SB726 is a straightforward bill that would require landfill operators to upgrade their monitoring of methane emissions from landfills, using advanced technology and commercially available drones. It would also improve transparency in reporting. As I understand it, this should cost the state very little since the monitoring program is already set up. Improved monitoring will better detect methane leaks, thereby allowing better mitigation. Landfills are a significant source of methane emissions, which are 80 times more potent than carbon dioxide in contributing to global warming. Therefore it is important that Oregon reduces emissions however it can, and this bill is a step in the right direction.