

TO: Senate Committee On Energy and Environment FROM: League of Oregon Cities

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RE: Senate Bill 726 - Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Surface Emissions Monitoring

The League of Oregon Cities is writing to provide testimony opposed to Senate Bill 726 -Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Surface Emissions Monitoring. While we support responsible environmental policies, the broad definitions and scope of this bill create unintended consequences that could negatively impact municipal landfills and waste management operations.

The undefined and expansive language in Senate Bill 726 could impose significant regulatory burdens without clear distinctions. Further, we are concerned about mandating certain technology in the bill and think there should be some built in flexibility. We urge the committee to refine the bill's language to ensure it is narrowly tailored to address specific concerns without placing unnecessary strain on local governments.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input and look forward to working with you on policies that balance environmental stewardship with practical implementation for our members across Oregon.

Sincerely, Michael Martin League of Oregon Cities, Lobbyist