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This "first step" legislative proposal deserves this committee's support as the Coffin Butte landfill (dump) is a budding candidate for a Superfund cleanup and is a dangerous source of methane, PFAS, malevolent odor, groundwater contamination and much highway trash in Benton County. The landfill currently occupies 178 acres permitted for waste disposal. Coffin Butte landfill produced 40 million gallons of PFAS containing Leachate in 2024! That in itself should be adequate reason to begin the shut down process of this dump--and certainly should preclude any serious consideration of an expansion of it (as is currently being considered by the Benton County Commission). That Coffin Butte accepts 1 million tons of waste per year (of which only 6% is from Corvallis) places a onerous destructive environmental burden on the residents of Corvallis and Benton County generally. This bill would begin the scientific study, analysis and assessment of such landfills on the residents of Oregon. It is needed now. Please vote YES to move this bill.