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House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment  
Oregon State Legislature

**RNG Coalition testimony supporting SB 726: Relating to landfill emissions monitoring; prescribing an effective date**

Hon. Chair and Members:

The Coalition for Renewable Natural Gas supports Senate Bill 726, which establishes requirements for municipal solid waste landfills to conduct advanced methane detection monitoring and implement mitigation measures.

Our organization represents over 400 members—including cities, counties, utilities, and companies—who produce more than 95% of all renewable natural gas in the United States and Canada.

SB 726 provides a critical framework for identifying and addressing methane emissions from landfills, which are a significant contributor to climate change. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas with over 80 times the warming potential of carbon dioxide in the short term. However, this same methane can be captured and converted into renewable natural gas—a valuable, low-carbon fuel that can help decarbonize our transportation and energy systems.

The advanced detection technologies required in this bill will improve data collection, allow for more targeted mitigation, and create transparency through public reporting requirements. This approach aligns with Oregon's climate goals and will position the state as a leader in responsible waste management.

Furthermore, improved methane monitoring will help identify optimal sites for RNG development projects, turning what would be a harmful emission into a valuable renewable resource. Our industry has a proven track record of successfully implementing such projects across the country, creating local jobs while reducing emissions.

We urge your support of SB 726 and thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully,

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