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I am writing in support of HB3971 for the following reasons:

1. The methane generation and leaks from the landfill will be significantly reduced. Methane is cause for concern both from a climate change perspective and from a fire hazard perspective. Methane leaks could spark a fire and result in a major forest fire and a toxic plume of smoke. HB 3971 brings Oregon closer to its climate goals by reducing greenhouse gases.
2. HB3971 also seeks to reduce the amount of trash going into the landfill by separating recyclables. This is a win-win from a resource management perspective.
3. Because of the unchecked pollution that landfills cause, HB3971 seeks to more closely align with the Land Conservation and Development Commission's statewide planning goal 6 which states "Air, Water and Land Resources Quality: To maintain and improve the quality of the air, water and land resources of the state".