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The Problem

Oregon's environmental protection agency does not collect detailed air and water pollution emissions data. They also don't share the data with the public. The Community Toxics Reporting Act fills this gap. The bill creates opportunities for governments and people to know what pollution going into their air and water. Communities and public officials need this data to understand the location and risk levels of toxic chemicals that damage human health and the environment.

The Solution

Beyond Toxics and major clean air advocates in Oregon worked to demonstrate that it is critical to adopt the Community Toxics Reporting Act. Oregon legislators have created 2 versions of the bill: **HB 2669**(sponsored by Representative Nosse and Senator Taylor) and **SB 995** (sponsored by Senators Riley and Gelser) BOTH implement toxics reporting programs. *The two bills are similar, but have a few important differences.*

HB 2669	SB 995
WHAT: A CITY or COUNTY may require "Materials Balancing" reporting to track air, water, waste and storage of toxics chemicals.	WHAT: Requires STATEWIDE MANDATORY full materials balancing reports to track air, water, waste and storage of toxics chemicals.
WHO: Pollution reports are received by a city or county that opt-in to the program.	WHO: Pollution reports are received by the DEQ.
ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: Pollution reports are available to the public on an easily accessible website.	ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE: Does not require public access to the database.
FUNDING: Ensures that polluters fund the reporting program, not tax-payers.	FUNDING: Funded by polluter fees and general funds.
OUTCOMES: The reports are not used for permitting but communities can use the data to advocate for improved healthy people and environments.	OUTCOMES: Pollution reports become part of statewide efforts to assess toxic hotspots and health risks.

Thank for supporting these important bills.

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