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Please support HB 2269, which will ensure the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has the funds it needs to create the new health-based industrial air permit program called “Cleaner Air Oregon”.

This bill, and the modest and necessary fee increases it imposes on stationary air pollution source permittees, represents a critical step towards successful implementation of the air toxics rules presently under development by the Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA). For too long, communities across the state have been forced to bear the very real health risks and costs imposed on them by the lack of an adequate air toxics regulatory program.

Cleaner Air Oregon will establish a regulatory framework within which public health risks will be identified and, when necessary, reduced. It is fair that the sources placing communities at risk of harm start to play a greater role in funding the efforts necessary to reduce those harms.

Thank you for supporting the health of Oregon’s communities!

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