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HB 2269 and the modest and necessary fee increases it imposes on stationary air pollution source permittees, represents a critical step towards successful implementation of the health-protective air toxics rules presently under development by the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA). For far 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 play a greater role in funding the effort necessary to reduce those harms than they have historically been asked to play.

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