

Brown touts Oregon environmental legislation

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown on Wednesday, October 3, announced legislation that would maintain Oregon's water and air quality rules at the same level or higher than they were the day before President Donald Trump took office.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that one of the goals of the legislation is to protect public health welfare from the adverse effects of pollution and climate change. With the new legislation, called the Oregon Environmental Protection Act, Brown said she is looking to inspire a national movement of states to oppose what she called the "unprecedented and aggressive attack" on clean air and water.

The Trump administration has undertaken several actions to overturn or delay environmental laws from taking effect, ranging from carbon-emissions goals in the Obama-era Clean Power Plan designed to help the United States meet international climate goals to protections for wildlife — and from regulations of pesticides, ozone and

mercury to expanding fossil fuel development on public lands.

Brown's proposed legislation focuses on the federal Clean Water Act and Clean Air Act. Both are regulated and enforced at the state level by Oregon agencies such as the Department of Environmental Quality, the Oregon Health Authority and the Water Resources Department. In most instances, the federal laws allow states to establish more stringent environmental protections than required nationally.

The governor's office said, if passed by the Legislature, the legislation would maintain Obama-era ozone emission standards, regulate methane and other pollutants from landfills, as well as mercury emissions from the state's one remaining coal power plant and extend water quality protections to some of the state's rivers and streams.

The state Legislature which is controlled by Brown's fellow Democrats, has balked at some new environmental legislation in recent years.

GOP gubernatorial candidate lays out education plan

By **Andres Selsky**
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SALEM (AP) — The Republican candidate seeking to become Oregon's governor unveiled his education plan on Friday, in which he would seek a minimum 15 percent funding increase in biennium education budgets, paid for by cuts in state and local government employees' pension plan and health benefits.

Buehler also called on state and local educators to achieve a handful of critical, evidence-based proficiency standards and for professional development opportunities for teachers. He also said Gov. Kate Brown, a Democrat, should fire a senior education official because of mediocre test results from students in Oregon.

Under his plan, Buehler would:

- Require that the Legislature approve fair and legally permissible pension reforms that could redirect up to \$1.2 billion to classrooms prior to signing any new spending bills.
- Seek changes for all

state and local government employees that would include protection of pension benefits already earned; cap salary amounts used to calculate benefits at \$100,000 per year.

- Health benefits would be comparable to those offered by top employers such as Nike and Intel. Employee contributions to the premium would go on a sliding scale, based on ability to pay.
- A partially funded Health Savings Account would be offered paired with a modest, health savings account-qualifying deductible

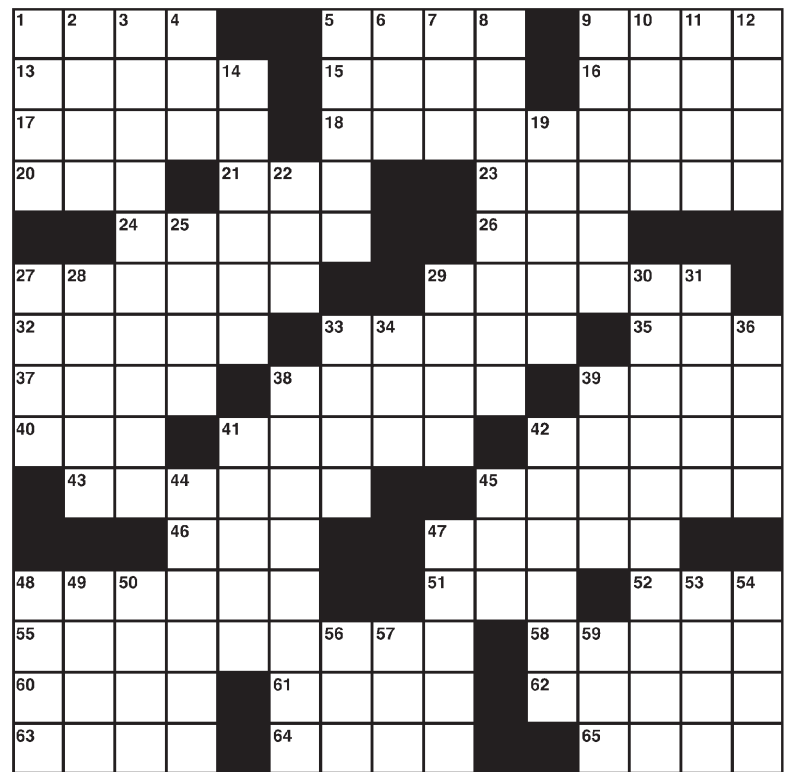
Buehler also challenged Brown to fire state schools chief Colt Gill after recent testing showed Oregon scores remained mediocre.

He also wants to triple the number of 7th-grade English language learners who are English-proficient; move toward one-third of classroom staff being culturally and linguistically diverse, to better reflect the state's growing diversity; and eliminate certification barriers to allow teachers certified in other state or who taught in Defense Department schools.

The Nugget Newspaper Crossword

By Jacqueline E. Mathews, Tribune News Service

- ACROSS**
- 1 Ears of corn
 - 5 Stable dinner
 - 9 Nose's detection
 - 13 Felt sick
 - 15 Clippety-___
 - 16 Morning hour
 - 17 Disney dog
 - 18 Clock or watch
 - 20 Pupil's place
 - 21 Bullring shout
 - 23 Wore away
 - 24 West Point student
 - 26 Final bill
 - 27 In ___; soon
 - 29 Christmas tree glitter
 - 32 "Put your money ___ your mouth is"
 - 33 Glittered
 - 35 VW followers
 - 37 Reclines
 - 38 Cake coating
 - 39 "Take ___"; overused conversation closer
 - 40 Last year's Jrs.
 - 41 Name for 2 U.S. presidents
 - 42 Runs fast
 - 43 Word attached to cheer or band
 - 45 Least risky
 - 46 By way of
 - 47 Driver of a large van
 - 48 Group of fish
 - 51 Female animal
 - 52 Plant sci.
 - 55 Tulane University's location
 - 58 Pack animal
 - 60 ___ a test; passed easily
 - 61 Flabbergast
 - 62 Wedding dress fabric
 - 63 Baseball great Willie
 - 64 New York team
 - 65 Wagers



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- DOWN**
- 1 Outer garment
 - 2 Greasy
 - 3 Dressing choice
 - 4 ___ sail; begin a voyage
 - 5 Group of eight
 - 6 Muhammad ___
 - 7 Male turkey
 - 8 Driving too fast
 - 9 Chili dog toppers, for some
 - 10 Perished
 - 11 All at ___; suddenly
 - 12 Rex or Donna
 - 14 Scribble mindlessly
 - 19 Dried fruit
 - 22 Actress Remick
 - 25 Haughtiness
 - 27 Tools with sharp points
 - 28 Spin fast
 - 29 Truck scale divisions
 - 30 Make worse
 - 31 Stringed instruments
 - 33 Unsightly skin mark
 - 34 That fellow
 - 36 Gusto

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- 38 Positive outlook
- 39 Small eatery
- 41 Foreign farewell
- 42 Frays
- 44 Steers clear of
- 45 Piglet's ma
- 47 Ways and ___ committee
- 48 Close noisily
- 49 ___-Cola
- 50 One of Donald Duck's nephews
- 53 Leave out
- 54 Brown shades
- 56 Dined
- 57 Kook
- 59 Friendly dog, for short

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