



Betty Browne

Revisions to be proposed

Major revision of the Oregon Juvenile Code will be proposed to the 1977 legislature, according to state Sen. Betty Browne, D-Oakridge.

The revision, written by the Legislative Interim Committee on the Judiciary (which Browne chairs) will be introduced as Senate Bill 2.

The legislative committee has been working on the revision for the past 15 months under a grant from the Oregon Law Enforcement Council. A 17-member juvenile law advisory committee chaired by Circuit Court Judge Harlow Lenon of Portland has assisted the legislative group in drafting the revision.

"The Oregon Juvenile Code has not been completely revised since 1959," Browne said, in explaining the interim work. "Since then, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that juveniles faced with loss of liberty are entitled to many of the due process rights now enjoyed by adults — and there have been many changes in our society.

"The state's juvenile code has not kept pace with all of these changes. One of the Law Enforcement Council's principal goals for criminal justice in the state has been a revision of the laws relating to children."

Several major changes in the code are being proposed:

Presently the age at which a child is petitioned in court determines if he will be in the juvenile or adult court. The revised code would make the age of the child when the crime was committed the determinant of whether he is tried in juvenile or adult court.

Under the present code a hearing must be held 48 hours after a juvenile is incarcerated. Following the hearing, a juvenile can be held only three days before a decision is reached. Under the proposed code, the limit for holding a juvenile before a decision is reached in court would be extended to 22 judicial days (not counting weekends). In addition,

hearings for determining the need to hold the juvenile in custody would have to be held every five days during that period.

Presently there is no automatic expunging of juvenile records. A juvenile is required to work individually with each agency to complete a thorough expunging process. Under the new code, 25 year-olds would have their juvenile records automatically expunged.

The proposed code also would release the names of a juvenile's witnesses to the opposing side before a trial. Presently, those names are not released.

A 150-page report containing the text of the statutory revision with accompanying commentary, a summary of major proposed changes in the code and tables showing the disposition of existing statutes is available from the committee at the Capitol.

Dry winter delays salmon spawning, fishing

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Of the Emerald

Bike riders and tennis players might be enjoying Oregon's dry fall, but fishermen, hunters and power users are all experiencing frustrations and cutbacks.

Approximately four inches of rain have fallen between Sept. 1 and Dec. 6 while 13 inches is normal, according to Eugene's National Weather Service Office.

Fishermen hoping to snag spawning Chinook salmon from coastal rivers have been disappointed: Catch figures for the fall season won't be available until January, but John Fortune of the Siletz fish and wildlife field (a branch of the State Fish and Game Commission) says Chinook spawning is being delayed by the lack of rain, and that

delay is causing problems.

During the short rainy periods last month (Chinook spawn between Oct. 15 and Nov. 30), the fish delayed at river mouths have rushed upstream to spawn, and slipped by the fishermen, according to Fortune.

In addition, Chinook have been forced to spawn lower in the river system, which means fewer eggs will hatch in tributaries next year. "The brood from this year's spawning season won't be back in the streams for three to five years, and that's when this year's weather will have an effect," says Fortune.

Elk and duck hunters would rather have the normal consistency downpour of Oregon rain too. With fewer snow storms in the Cascade hunting areas this year, leaves have remained on the

trees giving more cover for elk. Also, the absence of snow makes tracking animals more difficult. Ducks tend to keep moving in stormy weather, so our 'boobard' weather has made hunting more comfortable but less productive, according to Fortune.

Industrial power uses in the Eugene area could have production hampered also, if the dry weather continues.

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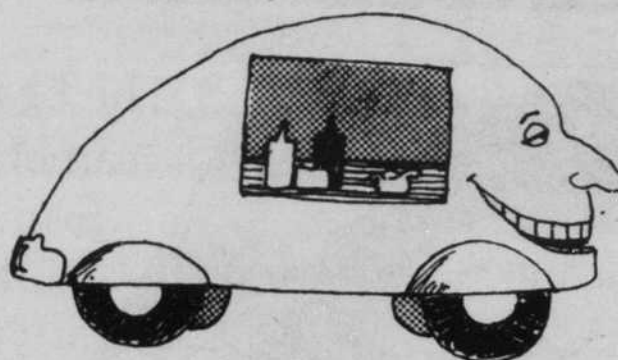
ministration (BPA) has cut back supply of power to three-quarters of what was ordered by industries. The top one-quarter of the power requested, called the "interruptible load," has not been supplied by BPA for a month. The production levels of industrial users hasn't been affected, according to Eugene sub station officials, but continued dry weather for the next month "would cause a lot of problems, since the temperature will

continue to drop, raising usage by consumers."

Eugene's office of the National Weather Service only makes unofficial predictions, so "unofficially" they call for "normal temperatures with lighter than normal precipitation for December." The Farmers' Almanac agrees for the most part. It predicts "mild temperatures for December with lower than normal precipitation, but more fog."

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