

# Education plan receives federal support



SALEM (AP) — Backers of Oregon's controversial education reform act brought in U.S. Education Secretary Richard Riley and U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield on Monday to drum up support for the plan.

Proposals are being considered by the Republican-controlled Legislature to alter or repeal the law passed during the 1991 session.

Riley and Hatfield, R-Ore., spoke at an education forum at Willamette University sponsored by state education and business coalitions.

The two also met with student leaders from across the state and met with Gov. John Kitzhaber and several business leaders.

"Oregon is indeed in the forefront of education in this country," Riley said. "We can honestly say we are starting to turn the corner from a nation at risk to being a nation on the move, and I am seeing that here."

Riley said Oregon's plan for education reform was the first to gain approval for federal financing from his office. The state will get \$4.1 million to retrain teachers and upgrade technology.

Riley said Oregon also was the first of six states chosen for a pro-

gram allowing more flexibility in spending federal education aid.

"I think that Oregon is headed in the right direction," Riley said. "A promise not to leave anybody behind will put Oregon ahead in the 21st century."

Republican leaders in both the House and Senate said they intend to continue efforts to at least modify the law. Kitzhaber has said he would veto any effort to overturn it.

"You don't throw it out, but you certainly recognize that there are time changes or improvements that need to be made," said House Speaker Bev Clarno, R-Bend.

"If this isn't to be repealed on a statewide ballot, I think we ought to work diligently to try to reform it until it enjoys public support," said Senate President Gordon Smith, R-Pendleton.

The House subcommittee on education next week will begin work on several bills to revise the law.

The reform act emphasizes abilities and creative thinking over traditional grades and credit hours. High school students must earn a certificate of initial mastery and a certificate of advanced mastery to graduate.

Backers say the plan will prepare students to compete for jobs on a global level. Opponents argue the plan waters down traditional school curriculum and will take away local control of schools.

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least four people who had more than one sex partner last year.

Knox said many college students follow what he calls "serial monogamy."

"They think they are in a monogamous relationship, but the relationship may only last six months. Then they enter another monogamous relationship for another six months, and so on," he said.

"In reality, they have a few sex partners each year," Knox said. "They just tend to forget about the other relationships they have been in."

The study showed that men reported more sex partners: 51 percent claimed six or more, compared with 25 percent of women. And 28 percent of men reported at least 11 sex partners, compared to 10 percent of women.

Yet 25 percent of those surveyed said they did not know their partner's sexual history, a key factor in determining risk. And those who think they know may be wrong. The survey found that only 18 percent of women under age 30 believe their partner has had sex with five other people, while 42 percent of men that age claim they have.

The survey concluded that 62 percent of men and half of the women polled are at moderate or high risk of catching a sexually transmitted disease. But 75 percent said they weren't worried about it, 62 percent said they know very little about such diseases and 46 percent of those at highest risk said they never use a condom.

Knox said the health center's peer education department also tries to emphasize how drugs and alcohol affect sexual decision making, and can contribute to higher risk.

# Replacements may face ban from Kingdome

OLYMPIA (AP) — Ken Griffey Jr. and fellow Seattle Mariners Jay Buhner and Jeff Nelson traveled to the state capital Monday to back two bills aimed at keeping replacement baseball players out of Seattle's Kingdome.

"Who do the fans want to see, do they want to see Ken Griffey Jr., or old former softball players?" Nelson told a news conference attended by his two teammates and former Mariners David Henderson of the Kansas

City Royals and Eric Hansen of the Cincinnati Reds. The event was staged by the Service Employees Union.

House Bill 1838, sponsored by Rep. Ken Jacobsen, D-Seattle, would ban replacement players outright at the Kingdome.

"The American people own the game of baseball and replacement players are a complete travesty," Jacobsen told reporters.

The second bill, SB5786,

would require what sponsoring Sen. Mike Heavey, D-Seattle, calls "truth in advertising."

Under his measure, a team could not advertise it is playing major-league baseball unless 75 percent of the players were members of a major-league team on Aug. 12, 1994, the day players went on strike.

"The Seattle Mariners should not be allowed to pass replacement games as major league baseball," Heavey said.

Griffey told the gathering that baseball owners are "trying to break the players' union."

He said the players before him have fought for current players' rights, and he and others should fight for the rights of future players.

Griffey said the owners are not bargaining in good faith.

"I mean the president of the United States could not settle the strike," he said.

# Flooding causes slides, recedes in Washington

SEATTLE (AP) — Flood warnings remained in effect Monday for five Puget Sound-area rivers and the Yakima River, but the worst of this round of flooding was over.

"It looks like the waters are going down," said spokesman Mark Stewart with the state Emergency Management Division.

"We got a lot of rainfall, but it could have been worse," Stewart said Monday.

A Mason County shelter for evacuees was closed Monday after two or three nights of operation, Stewart said. The Skokomish River, which had threatened homes there, was expected to crest by the end of the day as were other swollen

rivers on the west side of the state, the National Weather Service said.

In addition, county emergency operations centers were closed in Snohomish and King counties, Stewart said.

Rivers across the Puget Sound region spilled over their banks Sunday, driven by heavy rain and unseasonably high temperatures that melted mountain snow packs.

East of the mountains, the Yakima River was expected to continue rising until Wednesday, said National Weather Service forecaster Doug McDonnal.

There was minor flooding Monday on Ahtanum Creek just south of Yakima and along Toppenish Creek in the lower Yaki-

ma Valley, the weather service said. Some road closure were reported and a few homes were threatened by the rising waters.

On the west side of the state, "most of the rivers are already falling. We're just kind of waiting for them to fall below flood stage," when flood warnings will be lifted, McDonnal said.

While rain was expected to continue, precipitation was not expected to be significant "as far as the rivers go."

And temperatures were dropping as a weak cold front entered the state's northwest corner and began making its way east, he said. Freezing levels in the Cascade and Olympic mountains — which rose as high as 10,000 feet over the weekend,

swelling area rivers with melted snow — were coming down and expected to reach 5,000 feet by Tuesday, McDonnal said.

Flood warnings were canceled Monday for the Cedar and Skookumchuck rivers, for the Chehalis River in Lewis County, and for Hangman Creek in Spokane County.

In addition to the Skokomish, flood warnings remained in effect but were expected to be lifted by the end of the day at:

- The Snohomish River in Snohomish County.
- The Snoqualmie River in King County.
- The Chehalis River in Thurston and Grays Harbor counties.
- The Klickitat River in Klickitat County.

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