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## Salem-area lawmakers lay out 2022 proposals

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Salem-area lawmakers are finalizing the bills they will introduce during the 2022 session of the Oregon Legislature, addressing issues from paying college athletes to granting the Legislature the power to impeach a sitting governor.

Session begins Feb. 1 and will last no longer than 35 days per constitutional requirements.

All legislation will be available to read at

olis.oregonlegislature.gov in mid-to-late January.

Oregon's even year "short" legislative sessions officially began in 2012 after voters approved annual sessions by referral. It was initially intended for emergency legislation and budget rebalancing, but has been used for all manner of policy bills and proposals.

Supporters of utilizing session in this way argue that it doesn't make sense to delay addressing problems when lawmakers are already in the building and have the ability to pass legislation.

Those against using the short session for general policy bills argue 35 days is not enough time for a com-

prehensive debate with public input, making legislative mistakes more likely.

Senators and representatives are only allowed to introduce two bills each during the 2022 session, though committees can also introduce bills.

The 2020 legislative session was widely considered a failure after Republicans walked out over a greenhouse gas emissions cap-and-trade bill, denying Democrats a quorum in both chambers and halting the legislative process.

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Pandemic-canceled concerts led cellist Joe Harchanko to seek creative outlets, which led to the "Oregon Outdoors Music Project." PROVIDED BY JOE HARCHANKO

## Being in harmony with nature

Cellist combines 2 loves – music and the outdoors – in videos

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**J**oe Harchanko sits, holding his cello. His bow touches the strings and he begins a soothing Irish folk tune, Si Bheag Si Mhor. As he plays, a waterfall cascades behind him and, to his right, a stream tumbles over the rocks. • The video of Si Bheag Si Mhor is one of 12 pieces that currently make up Harchanko's "Oregon Outdoors Music Project." Each piece is a song played by Harchanko and paired with visuals of the outdoors.

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## Oregon law limits the release of mugshots: What to know

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A law limiting Oregon law enforcement agencies' ability to release booking photos to the public went into effect at the start of next year having passed in the Oregon Legislature earlier this year.

Under the measure, booking photos won't be released to the public — except in a few specific circumstances — to protect the identity of individuals who haven't been convicted of a crime in Oregon.

A booking photo, also known as a mugshot, is a photograph of a person taken by a law enforcement agency for identification purposes when the person is taken into custody.

The new law will also require publish-for-pay publications to remove and destroy booking photos upon request within 30 days and bans the publication from charging more than \$50 for their removal.

House Bill 3273, chief-sponsored by representatives Janelle Bynum, D-Clackamas, and Brad Witt, D-

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Bagby Hot Springs blooms with steam on a cool day in November. ZACH URNESS/STATESMAN JOURNAL

## Couple that met at Bagby Hot Springs to invest \$100,000 in troubled spot

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Mike and Tamarah Rysavy met at Bagby Hot Springs in 2001. Two decades later, the husband-and-wife duo have been selected as the new operators of the iconic springs nestled in Mount Hood National Forest between Estacada and Detroit.

The Rysavys were picked from among a pool of applicants to manage the springs, unique bathhouses and tubs that have fallen into disrepair over recent years.

Bagby has been closed since 2020 due to wildfire damage in the surrounding area and one of the main bathhouses was condemned and closed in 2018 due to "extensive rotting" in its floors.

The Rysavys, who will take over operations in 2023, plan to invest \$100,000 upfront to rehabilitate the buildings and make improvements. They also plan having employees on site 24 hours per day to limit crime and partying, which has been a problem at the site for years.

They'll keep the \$5 per person soaking fee in place. "We're looking forward to making Bagby Hot Springs a safe, family-friendly environment for the public," said Mike Rysavy, who started going to Bagby as a teenager and helped maintain the original buildings in the 1990s. "My wife and I formed Bagby Preservation because of our love of Bagby Hot Springs.

"When it comes to rehabilitation, we want things to stay as close to what's been there historically as possible. People have been soaking in hollowed out trees at Bagby for over 100 years and we plan to keep it that way."

Bagby Hot Springs has been closed since the 2020 Riverside Fire burned the surrounding forest while the 2021 Bull Complex added to the issues. Neither wildfire burned the hot springs forest itself, but it's unclear when access will be restored.

### History at Bagby, other hot springs

The Rysavys will take over management in 2023 and operate Bagby on a 20-year agreement, the Forest Service said.

Few have a longer or more intimate history with the area.

Mike Rysavy worked with Friends of Bagby Hot Springs in the 1990s before forming Northwest Forest Conservancy to help keep Bagby in shape and keep crime down through the 2010s.

In 2012, the Forest Service handed Bagby to a private concessionaire to manage the site.

"They said, 'Good job Mike, if it wasn't for you we wouldn't be able to put this out for bid for a company to take over,' so that was a little bit frustrating," Rysavy said in a phone interview. "But I'd say that I have an intimate knowledge about what it takes to run that place well."

The Rysavys have published two guidebooks on hot springs and have visited more than 300 hot springs nationwide. They currently own Grande Hot Springs RV Resort southeast of La Grande, a large resort with more than 30 employees.

Mount Hood National Forest officials said the family's history at Bagby, and demonstrated ability to manage larger hot springs businesses, made it a good fit.

The agency evaluated applications for an ability "to provide effective operations, investment for pub-

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