



Debra Cross, director of operations for Provoking Hope, an addiction recovery center in McMinnville, displays an emergency kit used to treat opioid overdose as she stands inside an ambulance converted into a mobile needle-exchange unit on Dec. 9, 2021.

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numbers. In the U.S., more than 500,000 deaths over the last two decades have been linked to opioids, both prescription drugs and illegal ones.

Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson has called the settlement “woefully insufficient.” Instead of joining, he sued Amerisource-Bergen, Cardinal Health and McKesson for \$38 billion.

In Oregon, the agreement still needs to be formally approved by city councils and county commissions to become final, Rosenblum noted.

Some have already taken steps. The Yamhill County Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized the county counsel to approve the settlement last week, said Commissioner Casey Kulla. In the county southwest of Portland, as in

many others, the opioid epidemic has caused overdoses, addiction and homelessness.

According to Rosenblum’s office, the agreement between the state and local governments says:

- Almost half of Oregon’s share would go into a fund that would be used to study the availability and efficacy of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services across the state. The

funds would also be used to address treatment and prevention of substance use disorder, focused on statewide and regional programs and services.

- The remaining 55% of Oregon’s share would go directly to cities and counties to pay for prevention, treatment and recovery services at the local level.

“Every dollar we receive must be used judiciously

and wisely,” Rosenblum said. “For starters, it will provide us with the ability to increase access to lifesaving treatment and recovery services and will support individuals and families who continue to suffer from substance use disorder.”

The settlement is second only to the \$200 billion-plus tobacco settlement, in 1998, with the nation’s four largest tobacco companies.

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other U.S. states.

But critics are concerned.

“I’m really troubled by the agency’s process here,” said Mary Anne Cooper, spokesperson for the Oregon Farm Bureau. “Advocates of the rule were hand-selected and put on a committee, which really didn’t have enough business interest representation.”

Agency officials, Cooper said, “fail to understand how businesses work generally and how agricultural businesses work specifically.” She said added costs will cut into the bottom line.

In a public comment, Michelle Palacios, executive director of the Oregon Hop Growers Association, said the rule “could greatly

increase the cost of natural gas for local hop growers at a time we can least afford it.”

So, what might the new plan actually cost?

Trucking industry groups have estimated the plan could double the price of natural gas by 2050, add 36 cents per gallon to the cost of gasoline and add 39 cents per gallon to the price of diesel by 2035.

Whitman, of DEQ, offered a more modest estimate, saying the regulations could bump up fuel prices 3% to 7% by 2050.

“We’re projecting even less than that,” he said. Kathleen George, EQC’s chair, said the plan includes flexible language to protect against skyrocketing fuel prices. If Oregon fuel prices increase by more than 20%, she said, it will trigger a review to potentially change the program.

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 - Lectern
 - Minor
 - “Exodus” hero
 - Memoir topic
 - Rocky ledge
 - Tyke
 - Period of time
 - Thomas Gray opus
 - Batch of baby birds
 - Orchid-loving Wolfe
 - Yearn
 - Na+ or Cl-
 - Cereal-eating tiger
 - Grain morsel
 - “Parental Control” network
 - Large parrot
 - Stepped on
 - Use a crowbar
- DOWN**
- Glove compartment item
 - Ms. Thurman
 - NBC rival
 - Outer garment
 - Church alcove
 - Sears a steak
 - Rice field
 - Feel sorry about
 - Embroider, maybe
 - Off one’s rocker
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 - Albright or Falana
 - Tasty tuber
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 - Barbershop noise

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YOUR BIRTHDAY by Stella Wilder

Born today, you learn by doing, so of course it follows that only by doing will you learn what you need to know to make your way in the world. This may be something that is lost on you when you are very young, when others are more than willing to provide for you, but once you are older and begin to take responsibility for your own progress in life, you will realize that by doing as much as possible you will learn as much as possible.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- You'll see things in just the right light today to be able to make the most of the trends you encounter. Few will get in your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- You have an important lesson to learn, but you're not in the best position to learn it just yet. Take a few steps in a new direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Travel plans may have to be altered today to accommodate an unexpected wrinkle -- but your overall purpose and agenda can remain unchanged.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) -- A discussion about what is going on all around you today makes you realize you're in a better position to do what is right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) -- Take care that you don't fall back into any old habits today simply because you cannot determine exactly where you will soon be heading.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) -- Despite any bad news you receive today, you should be able to maintain a positive outlook -- at least compared to many of your allies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) -- You shouldn't have to keep the ball rolling on your own all day long, as there are others who know you are depending on their assistance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Take some time to reflect on where you've recently been and what you've accomplished. Today it can all matter more than usual.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- You'll remember something that was told to you some time ago, and today's actions will be affected in a way that gives you a solid advantage.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- You're nearing your destination, but are you ready for the brief period of uncertainty that will descend upon you when you get there?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- You're facing something special today, and you don't want to miss out on the opportunity to expand on this in a most creative way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Your decisions are likely to be dramatically different today from those made by others -- but this gives you a certain satisfaction.

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