

# Oregon



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People gather in support of immigrants Monday at the state Capitol in a rally and march organized by Causa Oregon and the Oregon School Employees Association.

## Immigrant groups protest in Salem over Trump policies

By **CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE**  
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SALEM — In an expression of solidarity on a day honoring the world's workers, supporters of Oregon's immigrants rallied and marched Monday at the state Capitol.

The rally reflected the current attitude of resistance from the left in the wake of the election of President Donald J. Trump, who pledged during his campaign to "build a wall" along the U.S.-Mexico border, and whose administration has reportedly stepped up federal immigration enforcement efforts.

For decades, Oregon has had a sanctuary law that prevents state and local officials from enforcing federal immigration laws if a person's only crime is being in the country illegally.

Advocates say that immigrant communities in Oregon are seeing heightened enforcement of immigration laws, including arrests of people who are recipients of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, an Obama-era policy that allowed some undocumented immigrants who came here as

children to receive temporary relief from deportation and a two-year work permit.

Rep. Teresa Alonso Leon, D-Woodburn, also cited a ballot measure proposal from three state lawmakers filed April 25 to repeal the state's decades-old sanctuary law by amending the state constitution.

That proposal, Initiative Petition 22, was filed by Republican state Reps. Greg Barreto, of Cove; Mike Neerman, of Independence; and Sal Esquivel, of Medford.

Alonso Leon, who argues that the president's enforcement actions threaten public safety by undermining relationships between police and immigrant communities, said the petition would "divide our state and amplify Donald Trump's harmful and hateful policies."

The petition will need 88,184 signatures to qualify for the ballot, according to the Secretary of State's Office.

Andrea Williams, executive director of Causa Oregon, said immigrants need to learn their rights and "fight back" when those rights are violated.

"We need to continue to

advocate for better protections here in our own state," Williams said.

Suad Elmi, a mother of five who emigrated from Somalia, described her harrowing journey by boat and on foot from her war-torn home to a refugee camp in Kenya.

"We should be united," Elmi said. "Our president should be a uniter, not a divider. We should use that money he's trying to build a wall (with) and build houses, you know?"

Gov. Kate Brown, who has been a prominent voice advocating progressive social issues since Trump's election, reaffirmed her support for immigrants in a brief speech at the event.

In February, the governor signed an executive order barring the use of state resources to enforce federal immigration policy; she's also advocated expanding Medicaid to children who are also undocumented immigrants, an initiative called Cover All Kids.

"I know that this is an uncertain and scary time for Oregon's immigrant and refugee families," Brown said. "I want you to know that my support for you is unwavering."

## Schools may sue if Elliott Forest isn't sold

By **CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE**  
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SALEM — Lawyers for the Oregon School Boards Association say school districts plan to sue the Oregon Land Board if it doesn't proceed with a full-value sale of a swath of coastal forest to either a private buyer or the state.

Some 82,500 acres of the Elliott State Forest in Coos and Douglas counties are up for sale, a contentious proposal that has rallied the state's environmental groups.

The land is constitutionally required to generate revenue for the Common School Fund, which is essentially an endowment for public K-12 education.

The land is supposed to generate revenue for the fund, but the forest has become more of a financial liability of late because of declining timber harvests. The Land Board — comprised of the governor, state treasurer and secretary of state — is basically a trustee for the beneficiaries of the fund, the state's public schools.

In 2015, the board began a process to sell the land, only to receive one bid from a partnership between a timber company, Lone Rock Resources and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, a sale that the governor now opposes.

In an April 28 letter to the board, the association argued that the board must sell the forest to the partnership between Lone Rock and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians, or have the state buy it outright by contributing its appraised value of \$220.8 million to the Common School Fund. That's a tall order as the Legislature is wrestling with a \$1.6 billion shortfall in the state budget.

No other proposal, including a bill before the Legislature to transfer certain state trust lands to other entities, meets the state's obligations to

public schools, the attorneys claimed, citing a 1983 Oregon attorney general opinion. That opinion, they argue, authorizes the board to "promote noneconomic values, but those values are secondary to the 'paramount objective' of financial return to the Common School Fund."

"We appreciate that some individuals may place a higher regard on noneconomic values of the forest, such as scenery or recreation, than on the value of the forest as an economic asset to benefit the state's public schools," the letter states. "The board, however, may not consider the desires of anyone other than the state's schools."

A bill sponsored by state Sen. Arnie Roblan, a Coos Bay Democrat, would identify common school fund trust lands that have "limited performance potential" and transfer them to state, federal

or tribal entities, according to a Legislative Policy and Research Office analysis.

Gov. Kate Brown has proposed using \$100 million in state bonding capacity to buy a portion of sensitive areas of the forest and negotiate a new habitat conservation plan with federal agencies on the rest of the land, while also providing a chance for tribes to exercise ownership. She wants to decouple some or all of the land from its obligations to the Common School Fund.

Tobias Read, the state treasurer, said recently that he sees a "path forward" for public ownership — despite indications earlier this year that he would support the sale. Secretary of State Dennis Richardson, the lone Republican on the board, supports the sale of the land to Lone Rock and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians.

## Cider business bill progresses

Proposal would allow on-site production, marketing

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SALEM — A proposal to expand allowable activities for cider businesses on farmland is sailing through the Oregon legislature with minimal opposition.

Imitating rules established for wineries, Senate Bill 677 would permit cider businesses to produce and sell their beverages, serve food and conduct other agritourism activities on-site in farm zones.

Companies generating less than 100,000 gallons of cider a year would have to be within or next to an orchard of at least 15 acres to take advantage of the provisions.

The orchard size requirement would increase to 40 acres for businesses producing more than 100,000 gallons annually, under the bill.

The Senate has unanimously approved SB 677 and it's now heading for a vote on the House floor after clearing the House Committee on Economic Development and Trade with a "do pass" recommendation on May 3.

Cider businesses are similar to wineries in terms of government regulation and the process of crushing fruit to make juice that's then fermented into alcohol, said Dan



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Suzie Hoffman samples a glass of hard cider during last year's Hard-Pressed Cider Fest in Hood River, Ore. Senate Bill 677, which would ease Oregon's land use rules for cider businesses, is moving through the Legislature with little opposition.

Lawrence, founder of Stone Circle Cider near Estacada.

The goal of SB 677 is to provide cider companies with the same opportunity to process and sell their product, while educating consumers about how it's made, said Lawrence.

"Oregon is in a strong position to be a leader, if not the leader, in this industry nationwide," he said. "It helps bring dollars and jobs to the countryside."

U.S. sales of cider surged more than 300 percent between 2010 and 2015, to about \$870 million, with Northwest consumers being particularly keen for the beverage, according to testimony from the Northwest Cider Association, which has 25 Oregon members.

Rep. Ken Helm, D-Beaverton, commended SB 677's supporters for emulating ex-

isting land use provisions for Oregon wineries, rather than trying to create a whole new system for their industry.

"There's fewer unknowns here," Helm said.

Nobody spoke against the bill during the committee hearing, but written testimony submitted by the Oregon Farm Bureau was unenthusiastic.

The organization wants to encourage Oregon's cider industry but is concerned "about the breadth of activities authorized" under SB 677, much as it was concerned about previously enacted rules for wineries, said Mary Anne Nash, OFB's public policy counsel.

The proposal allows bed-and-breakfast operations and other activities "seemingly unrelated" to agriculture in farm zones, without requiring cider businesses to own the orchards, she said.

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