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Phil Barnhart

close loopholes for out-of-state and Internet payday lenders and strengthen licensing requirements for check cashers and payday lenders, according to Rep. Phil Barnhart.

"Payday lending, check cashing or title loan companies will still be able to thrive in Oregon," says Barnhart, "but this will ensure that Oregonians who are going through difficult financial times do not get caught in unending cycles of debt."

Barnhart chairs the House Revenue panel, which passed out of committee the Healthy Kids Plan to provide health care for the more than 117,000 uninsured Oregon children, lowering health care costs throughout the state and ensuring that kids can get access to vital health care services. "I am hopeful that the bi-partisan support we saw in committee for Healthy Kids will help pass the bill on the floor," he says. The bill raises tobacco taxes to pay for the program.

CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Regarding our news brief last week about a downtown Eugene cohousing project, Martin Henner says there are no cohousing units available for purchase as investments, but "If someone were to want to purchase a unit as a home, but needed to rent out their unit while they were on sabbatical, or until

they moved here in a year, that would be different." Also, local contractors who want to submit construction bids can contact Henner by email for bid packages at henner@impartial.com

Lane County Herbicide Spray Schedule

- **Weyerhaeuser (744-4632)** will aerially spray 367 acres near Greenleaf (Wheeler and Chicken Creeks), and Low Pass (Jones Creek, and the Long Tom River) with 2,4-D (Hardball, LV6); Velpar; Atrazine (4L, 90WSP); OustXP; Accord; Westar; Garlon (3A, 4); Transline Herbicides starting March 1 (No. 781-50231).

- **Near Twin Oaks Elementary School:** Oregon Forest Management Services (896-3757) will ground spray 43 acres and 8 acres near Cassidy Lane with Oust and Accord herbicides for Seneca Jones Timber (689-1231) starting March 10 (No. 781-50241).

- **OR Dept. of Forestry 935-2283.**

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