

# Brown revises wage proposal downward

Some complained previous plan was 'financially irresponsible'

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Gov. Kate Brown has revised her minimum wage plan.

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown's minimum wage proposal apparently was unpopular enough that the governor revised it Friday. Brown's plan now sets lower minimums than the original and begins boosting wages to \$9.75 six months earlier, starting in July. Under the new proposal, the minimum wage would gradually climb from the existing \$9.25 to \$14.50 in the Portland metro area and \$13.25 in the rest of the state by 2022.

Her former plan called for minimums of \$15.52 in the Portland area and \$13.50 in the rest of the state by 2022. "Based on feedback from stakeholders, I have refined my proposal, beginning implementation in 2016, so workers get higher pay sooner, and extending the glide path to give businesses more time to prepare for higher wages," Brown said in a statement. The fiscal office released a report Friday that analyzed the cost to state government

in one biennium of hiking the minimum immediately to \$13.50 or \$15 per hour.

## Actual cost difficult to calculate

Legislative Fiscal Officer Ken Rocco said the actual cost per biennium is difficult to calculate because there are multiple proposals, and all of the proposals raise the wage gradually rather than all at once.

"It would never happen all at once," Rocco said. "No one is going to say we are going to raise minimum wage from \$9.25 to \$13.50. It's all phased in."

Immediately boosting Oregon's minimum wage to \$15 an hour could cost the state in excess of \$140 million next biennium, according to the analysis.

The estimate excludes costs to local governments and any indirect costs such as higher paid public employees who might seek a corresponding raise.

Costs to K-12 education would be around \$52 million. Pay for certain classified public employees such as entry-level assistants and custodians would cost \$4.8 million. Universities estimate their costs would be on order of \$75 million in the next biennium. The cost would be between \$5.25 million and \$9 million for community colleges, under the governor's previous plan.

Higher education officials "point out that, in general, an increase in wages for student workers is likely to reduce other assistance the students receive, including federal aid," the fiscal office report stated.

The higher minimums also could affect workers' eligibility for state assistance such as the Oregon Health Plan, food assistance program, school lunch programs, subsidized preschool, and student financial aid.

## Unclear impact on local government

It's unclear how much a \$15 minimum would cost local governments, including school districts. Oregon Employment Department data suggests an increase to \$13.50 could cost about \$50 million more per biennium for local governments, according to the legislative fiscal office.

Linn County commissioners conducted their own estimate in which they forecast Brown's previous minimum wage proposal could cost local governments \$500 million dollars a year. The commissioners wrote in a letter to Brown that they believe the former proposal was "financially irresponsible" and an unfunded mandate.

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R.J. Marx/The Daily Astorian  
Search and rescue personnel from throughout the region joined the hunt for a missing 87-year-old man.

# Search on for missing Cannon Beach man

The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — An 87-year-old Cannon Beach man, Raymond R. Hickman, was reported missing and possibly endangered over the weekend.

He remained missing Monday morning. More than 50 rescuers were scanning the city, hillside, beach areas and roadways.

Described as 5-foot-9-inches tall, bald, blue eyes and wearing glasses, family members described the Haystack Heights resident, who was reported missing Saturday morning, as "having memory issues."

Responders from Clatsop, Tillamook and Washington counties, including Mountain Wave Search and Rescue, searched throughout the weekend. A command center was set up in Cannon Beach at the firehouse. The search continued Monday with teams from Multnomah and Clackamas counties joining the search, Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn said.

"They're working on dividing up the areas, hitting the areas they've missed," Schermerhorn said. "We still have a lot of territory to cover."

The teams worked until midnight Sunday in their search for Hickman. "They've gone all through the neighborhood in Cannon Beach, the highway and are searching the hillside," Schermerhorn said.

Helicopters were used the first day, but weather kept them grounded Sunday.

Along with dogs, the search teams are using horses and four-wheelers to navigate rugged terrain.

"Public Works is helping clear trails," Schermerhorn said. "A Hamlet man is using a drone plane in the areas where it can be used."

Schermerhorn thanked members of the public for providing food and beverages for the rescue teams. Residents may bring food donations to the firehouse. "Any type of snacks helps them in their attempts," he said.

Those with information about the missing man should contact Clatsop County Search and Rescue at 503-440-2650 or Cannon Beach Police at 503-436-2811.

## ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

### Astoria 5-Day Forecast

**Tonight**  
Mostly cloudy  
36°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

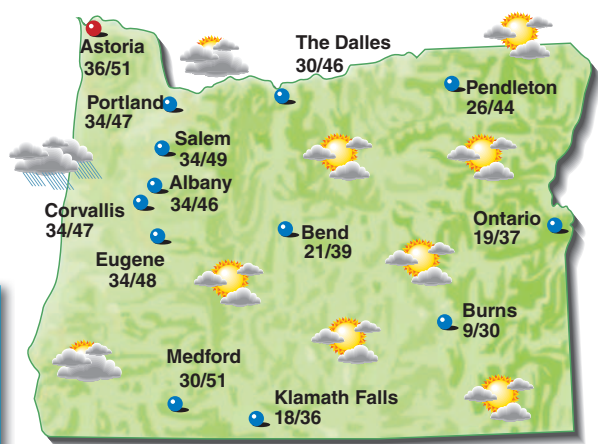
**Tuesday**  
Rather cloudy with a passing shower or two  
51° 43°

**Wednesday**  
Cloudy with afternoon rain  
50° 44°

**Thursday**  
Cloudy with a shower in the area  
54° 44°

**Friday**  
Mostly cloudy, chance of a little rain  
56° 44°

### Oregon Weather



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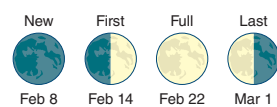
Astoria through Sunday.

#### Temperatures

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| High                 | 45°    |
| Low                  | 35°    |
| Normal high          | 51°    |
| Normal low           | 38°    |
| Yesterday            | 0.20"  |
| Month to date        | 13.55" |
| Normal month to date | 10.20" |
| Year to date         | 13.55" |
| Normal year to date  | 10.20" |

### Sun and Moon

|                 |            |
|-----------------|------------|
| Sunset tonight  | 5:19 p.m.  |
| Sunrise Tuesday | 7:38 a.m.  |
| Moonrise today  | 1:18 a.m.  |
| Moonset today   | 11:46 a.m. |



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### Regional Cities

| City          | Today |    |    | Tues. |    |    |
|---------------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
|               | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi    | Lo | W  |
| Baker City    | 35    | 13 | sf | 31    | 17 | pc |
| Bend          | 37    | 21 | c  | 39    | 24 | pc |
| Brookings     | 48    | 39 | c  | 50    | 44 | c  |
| Eugene        | 46    | 34 | sh | 48    | 40 | c  |
| Iliwaco       | 48    | 40 | sh | 49    | 43 | sh |
| Klamath Falls | 34    | 18 | c  | 36    | 22 | pc |
| Medford       | 47    | 30 | c  | 51    | 36 | c  |
| Newport       | 48    | 39 | sh | 50    | 44 | c  |
| North Bend    | 50    | 40 | sh | 52    | 45 | c  |

| City      | Today |    |    | Tues. |    |    |
|-----------|-------|----|----|-------|----|----|
|           | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi    | Lo | W  |
| Olympia   | 47    | 30 | sh | 47    | 36 | c  |
| Pendleton | 43    | 26 | c  | 44    | 28 | pc |
| Portland  | 46    | 34 | sh | 47    | 39 | c  |
| Roseburg  | 50    | 35 | c  | 52    | 39 | c  |
| Salem     | 47    | 34 | sh | 49    | 41 | c  |
| Seaside   | 49    | 40 | sh | 50    | 45 | sh |
| Spokane   | 36    | 25 | c  | 35    | 25 | c  |
| Vancouver | 45    | 33 | sh | 45    | 39 | c  |
| Yakima    | 45    | 23 | c  | 41    | 29 | pc |

### Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Low in the southeast, the waning gibbous moon will be near faint Mars after midnight.

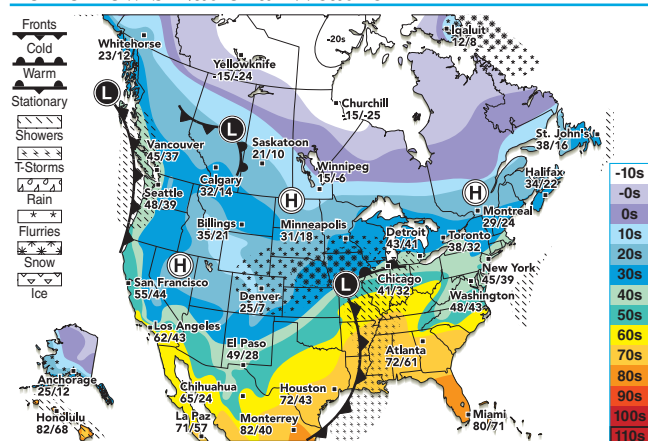
### Tomorrow's Tides

| Astoria / Port Docks |         |           |         |
|----------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Time                 | High    | Time      | Low     |
| 7:31 a.m.            | 8.2 ft. | 1:10 a.m. | 3.3 ft. |
| 9:15 p.m.            | 6.2 ft. | 2:53 p.m. | 1.9 ft. |

### National Cities

| City           | Today |     |    | Tues. |     |    |
|----------------|-------|-----|----|-------|-----|----|
|                | Hi    | Lo  | W  | Hi    | Lo  | W  |
| Atlanta        | 69    | 55  | sh | 72    | 61  | c  |
| Boston         | 59    | 34  | c  | 43    | 34  | s  |
| Chicago        | 42    | 30  | pc | 41    | 32  | sn |
| Denver         | 31    | 18  | sn | 25    | 7   | sn |
| Des Moines     | 41    | 33  | pc | 36    | 23  | sn |
| Detroit        | 43    | 30  | pc | 43    | 41  | r  |
| El Paso        | 56    | 35  | pc | 49    | 28  | pc |
| Fairbanks      | 1     | -14 | s  | -2    | -13 | s  |
| Honolulu       | 82    | 66  | s  | 82    | 68  | s  |
| Indianapolis   | 49    | 34  | pc | 58    | 40  | r  |
| Kansas City    | 51    | 38  | r  | 52    | 24  | sh |
| Las Vegas      | 48    | 33  | pc | 47    | 31  | s  |
| Los Angeles    | 58    | 40  | s  | 62    | 43  | s  |
| Memphis        | 66    | 59  | pc | 72    | 39  | t  |
| Miami          | 78    | 70  | t  | 80    | 71  | pc |
| Nashville      | 59    | 51  | r  | 72    | 44  | c  |
| New Orleans    | 77    | 64  | pc | 78    | 54  | t  |
| New York       | 57    | 39  | sh | 45    | 39  | s  |
| Oklahoma City  | 64    | 38  | pc | 50    | 27  | c  |
| Philadelphia   | 57    | 35  | sh | 51    | 41  | s  |
| St. Louis      | 56    | 44  | pc | 65    | 38  | t  |
| Salt Lake City | 29    | 18  | sn | 27    | 15  | c  |
| San Francisco  | 56    | 46  | s  | 55    | 44  | pc |
| Seattle        | 47    | 35  | c  | 48    | 39  | c  |
| Washington, DC | 53    | 34  | r  | 48    | 43  | c  |

### Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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## Stronger families is program's focus

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SEASIDE — The Strengthening Families Program for parents, caregivers and youth ages 10 to 14 is 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursdays through March 17 at Broadway Middle School.

The program is designed to help families improve communication, grow together and have fun. Parents build strengths in showing love and setting limits; youth develop skills to deal with peer pressure and set goals for a positive future. Families attending are served dinner each night, and childcare for younger siblings is also provided at each session at no cost.

Northwest Parenting, Broadway Middle School and Sunset Empire Parks and Recreation District have partnered to bring this program back to Seaside. The cost is \$25 per family, and scholarships are available. Space is limited to 10 families.

For information or to register, contact Teresa Crouter at 503-325-8673, ext. 2.

## DEATHS

**Jan. 25, 2016**  
**REDBERG, Irene**, 89, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Crema-

tion Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.  
**Jan. 26, 2016**  
**ESKOLA, Judy L.**, 76, of

Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**MONDAY**  
**Warrenton-Hammond School Board**, 5:30 p.m., special meeting to interview board candidates, Warrenton High School, 1700 S.E. Main Ave.

**Astoria City Council**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.  
**Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

**TUESDAY**  
**Astoria City Council**, 10 a.m., special

meeting on strategic planning, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**Port of Astoria Commission**, 5 p.m., workshop, old Port offices, 422 Gateway Ave.

**Clatsop Care Health District Board**, 5:30 p.m., Clatsop Care Memory Community, 2219 S.E. Dolphin Road, Warrenton.

**Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board**, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

**Seaside Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
**Sunday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 8-2-4-1  
4 p.m.: 5-8-5-3  
7 p.m.: 1-6-7-6  
10 p.m.: 4-5-7-8  
**Saturday's Megabucks:** 03-07-13-19-23-36  
Next jackpot: \$6.4 million.  
**Saturday's Powerball:** 05-12-16-31-43, Powerball: 18, Power Play: 4  
Next jackpot: \$96 million.  
**Saturday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 6-2-2-7  
4 p.m.: 9-9-2-7  
7 p.m.: 6-4-6-8

**WASHINGTON**  
**Sunday's Daily Game:** 5-5-8  
**Sunday's Keno:** 02-07-13-17-21-22-23-26-27-28-30-34-42-43-50-61-68-69-74-79  
**Sunday's Match 4:** 11-17-18-23  
**Saturday's Daily Game:** 8-8-8  
**Saturday's Hit 5:** 01-08-11-

25-32  
**Estimated jackpot:** \$100,000  
**Saturday's Keno:** 01-03-09-13-14-17-19-25-33-38-41-42-46-48-54-64-69-72-74-76  
**Saturday's Lotto:** 18-21-30-35-36-48  
Estimated jackpot: \$5.6 million  
**Saturday's Match 4:** 03-04-14-24  
**Friday's Daily Game:** 6-3-0  
**Friday's Keno:** 03-04-06-07-11-17-18-24-25-27-40-44-47-51-52-57-59-64-65-70  
**Friday's Match 4:** 03-05-10-19

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