

Emergency Board OKs \$5 million for school lead tests

Money is a starting point

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SALEM — The Oregon Emergency Board on Friday approved \$5 million to help pay for the cost of testing for lead in school drinking water.

The action sets up a fund at the state Department of Edu-

cation. School districts may request reimbursement for costs associated with lead testing by submitting invoices with the education department.

Lawmakers pledged to provide some kind of financial assistance to districts after the Oregon Health Authority and the education department last summer asked districts to test for lead in school water supplies.

The request followed wide-

spread media coverage of a scandal in Portland Public Schools over lead in drinking water that went unreported. Since then, several other school districts have found unsafe levels of lead in campus drinking water.

State House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, who co-chairs the emergency board, said the support is “a testament to our responsiveness to this issue.”

The \$5 million will serve as a placeholder until state education officials gain a better sense of how much school districts will request for reimbursement, said Doug Wilson, a legislative fiscal analyst.

Kotek emphasized Friday that the \$5 million is only a starting point for assisting schools with the lead crisis. She said she anticipates that school districts also will request help in paying for lead mitigation.

The Oregon Association of School Business Officials conducted a survey of school districts this summer to try to estimate the cost of testing. About 100 districts, representing about half of the state student population, responded. The \$5 million figure is roughly based on those districts’ responses, Wilson said.

That amount comes out to about \$35 for each lab test, including testing and a small

amount to defray the cost of collection, he said.

School districts still aren’t technically required to test for lead. In August, the state Board of Education — at the behest of Gov. Kate Brown — approved a rule that requires school districts to submit a plan for testing for lead in water and other toxins in school environments and to report any results to the public, but the rule doesn’t require actual testing.

Portland container shipping faces broad challenges

Turmoil is disruptive beyond labor disputes

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SALEM — Labor disputes are often blamed for discontinued ocean container shipping at the Port of Portland, but the facility faces broader problems, a port executive said.

Even if conflicts between the port, the terminal operator and the longshoremen’s union were resolved, turmoil in the global shipping industry would affect the facility, said Keith Leavitt, the port’s chief commercial officer.

“There’s no one silver bullet here,” Leavitt said during a hearing Thursday before the Oregon House Interim Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Ocean carriers ordered gigantic “megaships” nearly a decade ago that can carry a huge number of containers with the idea of improving efficiency, he said.

Now that the vessels have come online, though, there’s not enough cargo to justify the investment, Leavitt said.

“They are not filling those vessels because the demand for space on those vessels is not keeping up with capacity,” he said.

As a result, the price of freight on ocean liners has dropped so low that shipping companies aren’t able to pay off debts, which recently caused the bankruptcy of Hanjin, a company that long serviced the Port of Portland before stopping service last year, he said.

Stranded cargo

Because ports are afraid of not getting paid for loading and unloading containers from Hanjin ships, that’s left a lot of cargo stranded across the globe, including Northwest farm goods, Leavitt said.

Leavitt said he expects the shipping industry’s prob-



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A container ship is loaded at the Port of Portland. Ocean carrier service at the Terminal 6 facility has since stopped. The Port of Portland’s ocean container terminal faces broader problems than a labor dispute that effectively discontinued shipping at the facility last year, according to a port official.

lems will be sorted out over the next several years, but even then, Port of Portland’s Terminal 6 will face some headwinds.

The new “megaships” carry up to 25,000, 20-foot-long containers, but the Port of Portland can only handle ships that carry 7,000 such containers, he said.

“The megaships are just not going to be calling on the Columbia River,” said Leavitt.

However, it’s difficult to imagine that Pacific Ocean shipping will be reduced to megaships traveling between large ports in Hong Kong and Los Angeles, he said.

Terminal 6 should be able to attract some vessels, but the facility’s niche is likely to be more “surgical” than it was in the past, he said.

“We’re a niche port, we always have been,” Leavitt said.

Oregon agriculture remain competitive.

Baled straw was, by volume, the largest Oregon export commodity to depend on containerized shipping from the Port of Portland, said Boshart Davis. Even so, less than 40 percent of the state’s straw volume passed through that facility.

When productivity at West Coast ports severely declined during labor contract negotiations between longshoremen and port operators in late 2014, straw that would have been exported to Asia backed up in Oregon, she said.

That higher inventory, in turn, depressed prices for growers, Boshart Davis said.

Shipping complications have also affected the Christmas tree industry, particularly in export destinations like the Philippines, where retailers expect to display trees by mid-November, said Gayla Hansen of Kirk International, which exports trees.

Baled straw

Shelly Boshart Davis, whose family owns farming and trucking operations, agreed that the resumption of activity at Terminal 6 “wouldn’t fix everything,” but it would help

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Buoy 10, lower Columbia River Chinook seasons grow

The Daily Astorian

CLACKAMAS — Fish on through Friday for hatchery Chinook salmon from Buoy 10 upstream to the Warrior Rock/Bachelor Island deadline, under rules adopted by fishery managers from Oregon and Washington state.

The season extension is the third this month. After that, both areas are scheduled to reopen to retention of any Chinook, effective Saturday through the end of

the year under permanent rules.

The action means only hatchery Chinook may be kept from Buoy 10 upstream to Warrior Rock through Friday. All wild fish must be released unharmed. The daily adult bag limit is two salmonids a day, of which only one may be a Chinook and only one may be a hatchery steelhead.

For more information, visit the ODFW’s online Regulation Update Page at <http://bit.ly/2cPBXnF>.

City hires code enforcement officer

The Daily Astorian

Astoria has hired a new code enforcement officer and building official.

Ben Small, a licensed commercial plumber, will start in October. He has worked for St. Helens and Clatsop County.

The City Council will consider hiring a contractor to provide commercial plan review and inspection services while Small is trained for his new role.

A coffee hour with Small is scheduled for 8 a.m. Oct. 5 at City Hall.

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MONDAY EVENING												SEPTEMBER 26	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2)	Presidential Debate (L)			Dancing With the Stars (N)		Paid Program	Paid Program	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4)	Presidential Debate (L)			Dancing With the Stars (N)		Gubernatorial Debate		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KING	(5)	Presidential Debate (L)			WA Governor's Debate		The Voice "The Blind Auditions 3" (N)		Dateline NBC		KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show
5	KOIN	(6)	Presidential Debate (L)			Big Bang Theory Kevin Can Wait		To Be Announced		Extra	Ent. Tonight	KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert (N)
6	KIRO	(7)	Presidential Debate (L)			KIRO 7 News		The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Kevin Can Wait	KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert (N)
7	KGW	(8)	Presidential Debate (L)			The Voice "The Blind Auditions 3" (N)		Grant's Getaways	Inside Edition	Dateline NBC		KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show
8	KRCW	(9)	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family		Supergirl "World's Finest"		KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
9	KOPB	(10)	Presidential Debate (L)			Antiques Roadshow "Politically Collect"		An Oregon Experience "Tom McCall"		America Numbers	"The New Deciders"	POV "The Birth of Sake"	
10	KPTV	(12)	Presidential Debate (L)			To Be Announced		To Be Announced		10 O'Clock News		11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls
11	KPDX	(13)	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory		FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV		The Simpsons	American Dad
12	KCPQ	(13)	Presidential Debate (L)			Big Bang Theory		Gotham "Burn the Witch" (N)		Q13 News at 10		Q13 News	The Simpsons
13	TBS	(20)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		Amer. Dad 1/2		Amer. Dad 2/2	Family Guy	Full Frontal	Conan (N)
14	KZJZ	(22)	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing		Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9		Big Bang Theory	Friends
15	ESPN	(29)	(5:15) NFL Football	Atlanta Falcons at New Orleans Saints (L)		(20) SportsCenter		The day's news in the world of sports.		NFL PrimeTime		SportsCenter	Friends
16	ESPN2	(30)	(5:00) Poker	Poker World Series		30 for 30 "Doc & Darryl"		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	E:60
17	NICK	(32)	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans		Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
18	DISN	(31)	Backstage (N)	K.C. Undercover	K.C. Undercover	Liv Maddie Cali	Elena of Avalor	Bizaardvark	Girl Meets World	Bunk'd		K.C. Undercover	Stuck in Middle
19	FAM	(34)	(5:30) *** The Blind Side (2009, Sport)	Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron, Sandra Bullock.		*** Pitch Perfect (2012, Comedy)	Brittany Snow, Rebel Wilson, Anna Kendrick.					The 700 Club	Friends Whenever
20	FNC	(35)	(5:00) *** X-Men: First Class (11)	James McAvoy.	(40) *** X-Men: First Class (2011, Action)	Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence, James McAvoy.				(25) ** Sleeping With the Enemy (91)		Patrick Bergin, Julia Roberts.	
21	LIFE	(36)	(5:00) To Be Announced							UnREAL		(05) UnREAL	
22	ROOT	(38)	(5:00) MLB Baseball	Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros (L)		Post-game	MLB Baseball	Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros Site: Minute Maid Park -- Houston, Texas		Maid Park -- Houston, Texas		Post-game	
23	FST	(39)	UFC Knockouts (N)	Fighter's Cut (N)	WPT Poker Alpha8		Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)	Speak for Yourself			Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	
24	COKE	(43)	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail: Las Vegas
25	SP1E	(44)	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)	
26	HIST	(45)	America: The Story of the U.S.			America: The Story of the U.S.		American Pickers		American Pickers		(05) American Pickers	
27	A&E	(46)	First 48 "Under One Roof/ Off Target"		First 48 "Killer Debt/ House of Rage"		First 48 "The House on Madrona Street"		60 Days In	The First 48		The First 48 "1000 Cuts/ Draw"	(05) The First 48 "Dead Wrong"
28	TLC	(47)	Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		Too Close "In My Sister's Shoes" (N)		Too Close to Home "Hard Feelings"	To Be Announced	
29	DISC	(48)	Fast N' Loud "Pan-tera's Labyrinth"		Fast N' Loud "Big Red Caddy, Part I" 1/2		Fast N' Loud "Big Red Caddy, Part II"		Fast N' Loud "In My Sister's Shoes" (N)		Fast N' Loud "Gas Monkey Grillers"	Sacred Steel Bikes (N)	Fast N' Loud "Gas Monkey Grillers"
30	NGEO	(49)	Live Free or Die "Making Moves"		Live Free or Die "Bring It Home"		Wicked Tuna "Striking Distance"		W. Tuna "Luck Be a Tuna Tonight" (N)		Live Free or Die "Home Stretch" (N)	StarTalk "Mayim Bialik" (N)	
31	TNT	(50)	(5:00) *** The Da Vinci Code (06, Drama)	Audrey Tautou, Jean Reno, Tom Hanks.		*** Limitless (2011, Mystery)	Anna Friel, Bradley Cooper.				(15) *** The Town (2010, Action)	Rebecca Hall, Jon Hamm, Ben Affleck.	
32	USA	(51)	(15) *** Walking Tall (04)	Johnny Knoxville, Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson.		*** Ghostbusters (1984, Comedy)	Sigourney Weaver, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray.				*** Ghostbusters II (89)	Sigourney Weaver, Bill Murray.	
33	FOOD	(52)	NCIS		Modern Family	Modern Family		WWE Monday Night Raw				(05) Need for Speed (14)	Aaron Paul.
34	FOOD	(53)	FN Star Kids "Fake It Til You Make It"		FN Star Kids "Hollywood Power Lunch"		Food Network Star: Kids		Cake Wars "Roald Dahl"		Chopped "Kefir And Loathing"	Chopped "Chopped, Again!"	
35	HGTV	(54)	Love It or List It		Love It/List It "Mid Century Maternity"		Tiny House, Big	Tiny House, Big	House Hunters (N)	TinyHouseHunters	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	TinyHouseHunters
36	FXX	(56)	(5:30) *** 22 Jump Street (14, Act/Com)	Jonah Hill, Ice Cube, Channing Tatum.		*** Mr. and Mrs. Smith (2005, Action)	Angelina Jolie, Vince Vaughn, Brad Pitt.					Mr. and Mrs. Smith (05, Act)	Brad Pitt.
37	CNN	(57)	CNN Special									CNN Special	
38	CNC	(58)	Presidential Debate			The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		On the Record	
39	FNC	(61)	Presidential Debate (L)			The Profit "Honest Foods"		The Profit "The Soup Market"		Profit "Shutdown at Standard Burger"		Blue Collar	Paid Program
40	BRVA	(63)	The Real Housewives "Shock and Roll"		Real Housewives "The Moral Minority"		Orange County Social (N)		Housewives "Bye, Bye, Beadors" (N)		Real Housewives "Bye, Bye, Beadors"	WatchWhat (N)	Housewives NJ
41	TCM	(64)	(5:00) Torch Song	(45) *** Torch Song Trilogy (1988, Comedy)	Matthew Broderick, Anne Bancroft, Harvey Fierstein.		*** Tonight and Every Night (45)	Professor Lambert, Rita Hayworth.				The Sea Hawk (1940, War)	Errol Flynn.
42	SYFY	(65)	*** Maleficent (2014, Adventure)	Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley, Angelina Jolie.		*** Salt (2010, Action)	Liev Schreiber, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Angelina Jolie.				*** Sorority Row (2009, Horror)	Briana Evigan, Rumer Willis.	
43	RFD	(62)	American Rancher	Red Steagall	Horse Master	Inside Reining	Craig Cameron	Rural Eve. News	Rural America "Best of Farm Progress"	American Rancher	Red Steagall	Product Showcase	