

Bill would eliminate obsolete boards, commissions

Some boards venture deeply into esoterica

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SALEM — A bill in the state Legislature would do away with a dozen obsolete state boards and commissions, ranging from the Baseball Advisory Committee to the Task Force on Military Families.

According to a list compiled by the Legislative Policy and Research Office last year, the state has more than 250 boards and commissions, some of which venture deep into bureaucratic esoterica, such as the Board of Denture Technology and the Board of Electrologists and Body Art Practitioners.

These entities serve varying purposes — some regulate professions and in so doing play a role in public health; others make policy recommendations.

There is sometimes no distinction between a board, commission, committee or task force. For instance, a commission may oversee

a state agency or a particular industry. Generally, task forces are used to address a particular issue on a temporary basis, while boards, commissions and committees usually function regularly.

State Sen. Chuck Riley, D-Hillsboro, the chairman of the Senate Committee on General Government and Accountability, said his committee sought to make a list of commissions and boards that hadn't met recently.

"That's the kind of thing I'm interested in, making the government as transparent as possible, get rid of things that aren't needed, or don't make any sense," Riley said. "And this was a good place to start."

Little activity

The Legislative Policy and Research Office found 46 boards, commissions and task forces that "showed no evidence of activity" in the past year. The list was whittled down as officials learned some bodies were required by federal law, others only met intermittently by design, and others still after legislative counsel found some needed to be kept to "honor the formalities of interstate compact language."

Lawmakers on the Senate General Government

'It is a good way to say you're shrinking the size of government without shrinking the size of government.'

Jim Moore,
political science professor at Pacific University

and Accountability Committee discussed culling the collection of boards and commissions at a meeting in December.

"Honestly, governors have been trying to whittle down the list for many years, and have not done so because the Legislature hasn't helped," Riley said. "And I wasn't asked by the governor to do this, but I think she'll be pleased."

Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, D-Beaverton, said at the time she felt that the list of proposed reductions didn't go far enough.

"I would certainly be supportive of starting to take a hard look at other boards and commissions about, even the ones that are meeting, about what they are actually contributing and how much the state is paying for their existence," she said.

NO BUDGET IMPACT

After an amendment to the legislation, the following 12 boards and commissions would be eliminated:

- The Baseball Advisory Committee;
- The Board of Directors for the Oregon School for the Deaf;
- The Committee on Performance Excellence;
- The Governor's Council on Oregon's Economy;
- The Military Council;
- The Natural Resources Policy Administrator;
- The Oregon Progress Board;
- The Outdoor Youth Program Advisory Board;
- The Public Officials Compensation Commission;
- The Special Legislative Committee on Public Education Appropriation;
- The Task Force on Military Families;
- The Western States Legislative Forestry Task Force.

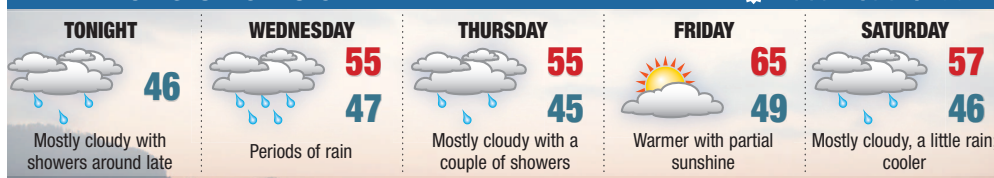
sity and director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation.

Some of the boards arose out of a new need for regulations, such as the creation of the aeronautics board in response to the invention of the airplane. Others stem from requests from professionals who want to be regulated by the state, Moore said.

Efforts to downsize state boards and commissions have been a perennial project for governors. Govs. Vic Atiyeh, Mark Hatfield and Barbara Roberts all spearheaded such efforts, Moore said.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.
Temperatures
 High/low 58°/44°
 Normal high/low 57°/41°
 Record high 85° in 2016
 Record low 30° in 1967
Precipitation
 Monday 0.25"
 Month to date 5.05"
 Normal month to date 3.21"
 Year to date 37.38"
 Normal year to date 28.05"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:07 p.m.
 Sunrise Wednesday 6:22 a.m.
 Moonrise today 2:04 a.m.
 Moonset today 11:38 a.m.



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The constellation Crater the Cup will dribbles across the south on spring nights.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

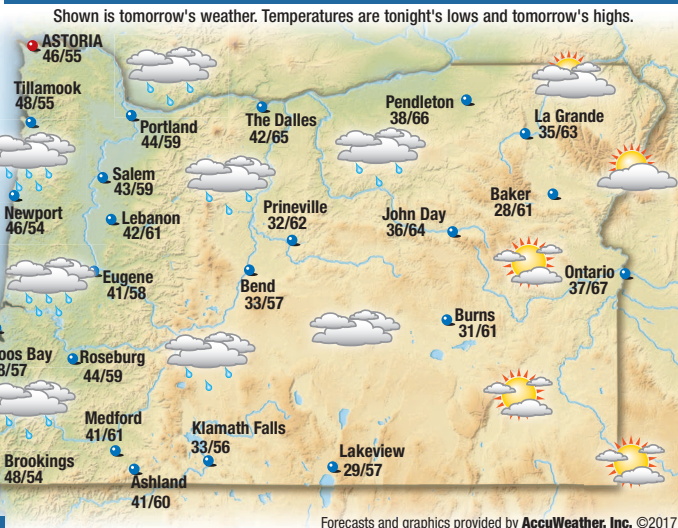
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Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
7:02 a.m.	7.3 ft.	1:28 a.m.	3.6 ft.	
9:16 p.m.	6.6 ft.	2:20 p.m.	1.2 ft.	

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	80 62 c	82 64 pc
Boston	50 38 pc	51 44 c
Chicago	75 60 s	68 52 t
Denver	80 48 pc	74 38 s
Des Moines	75 57 c	78 50 r
Detroit	68 54 s	74 55 t
El Paso	91 59 s	91 60 s
Fairbanks	42 20 s	37 17 s
Honolulu	84 71 pc	84 74 pc
Indianapolis	76 60 pc	79 63 c
Kansas City	78 63 c	81 52 c
Las Vegas	84 61 pc	83 60 s
Los Angeles	73 59 c	73 57 s
Memphis	80 64 t	85 65 pc
Miami	82 73 pc	84 73 sh
Nashville	78 62 t	82 64 pc
New Orleans	81 65 pc	82 67 pc
New York	62 45 s	56 49 c
Oklahoma City	81 61 pc	81 60 pc
Philadelphia	67 44 s	61 53 c
St. Louis	80 62 pc	86 69 pc
Salt Lake City	60 45 sh	62 44 pc
San Francisco	65 50 pc	66 53 c
Seattle	59 46 sh	59 47 r
Washington, DC	72 51 s	60 56 c

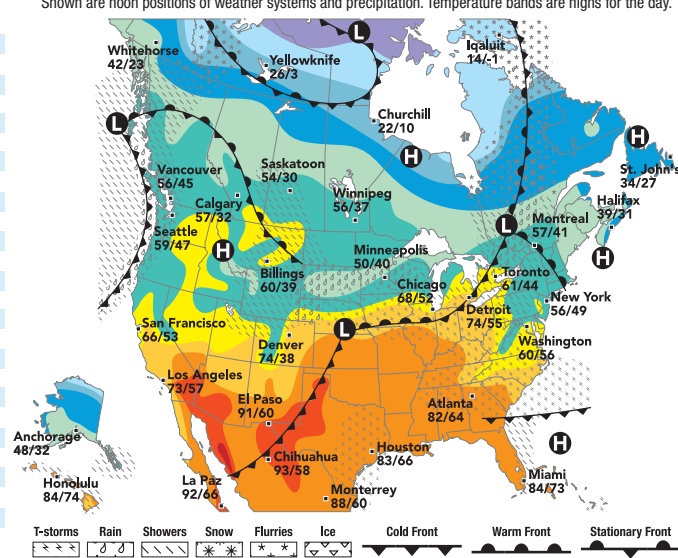
REGIONAL WEATHER



REGIONAL CITIES

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Baker City	55 28 sh	61 38 pc	Olympia	59 41 sh	57 44 r
Bend	55 33 c	57 36 c	Pendleton	60 38 sh	66 46 c
Brookings	58 48 sh	53 46 r	Portland	62 44 sh	59 48 r
Eugene	64 41 c	58 45 r	Roseburg	66 44 pc	59 45 r
Ilwaco	55 48 sh	54 48 r	Salem	64 43 sh	59 46 r
Klamath Falls	56 33 c	56 33 c	Seaside	57 48 sh	55 48 r
Medford	66 41 pc	61 42 r	Spokane	56 37 sh	62 43 pc
Newberg	62 42 sh	59 46 r	Springfield	64 42 pc	60 45 r
Newport	57 46 sh	54 46 r	Vancouver	62 45 sh	60 48 r
North Bend	61 48 sh	56 48 r	Yakima	66 35 pc	67 44 c

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



OBITUARIES

Felix 'Cab' Gomez Caballero

Longview, Washington
 March 24, 1928 — April 12, 2017



Felix was born in Cornejo Burgos, Spain, on March 24, 1928. Felix passed away April 12, 2017 in Longview, Washington.

Felix's early youth took place in Spain at a tumultuous time, just as the country was on the brink of civil war. When the Caballero family needed to escape in 1936, circumstances required Felix and his older brother Victor to remain in Spain under the care of a monastic order, while the family sought refuge in the U.S.

Later, thanks in part to the American Red Cross, 11-year-old Victor and 10-year-old Felix traveled together across the Atlantic Ocean on the ship named Vulcania, and arrived at Ellis Island on Sept. 30, 1938, to rejoin their family who settled in Carteret, New Jersey. Later the family moved to the Los Angeles area, where Felix attended school.

At the age of 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Panama. Shortly after his discharge from the Army, Felix was hired by Union Pacific Railroad as an upholsterer, and worked for them for 20 years. He married Eileen Bay on Feb. 24, 1971, in Las Vegas. She preceded him in death Nov. 12, 2007.

After retiring from Union Pacific Railroad, he became a self-employed upholsterer

in Compton, California. The couple moved to Astoria in 1971, where they opened Bay's Upholstery, and Felix worked until his health failed in 2015. Working in his upholstery shop was Felix's passion, and he enjoyed visiting with his customers. He also enjoyed raising and spending time with his Boston terriers.

In 2016, Cab moved to the Walker house in Longview, Washington, where he lived until his death.

He is survived by a brother, Fernando Caballero of Rosemead, California; a sister-in-law, Jeanne Fluhrer of Clatskanie, Oregon; two brothers-in-law, Richard Bay of La Center, Washington, and Glen Bay of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and many nephews and nieces, including Victor Caballero of Pasadena, California, Dan Caballero of Whittier, California, Derrick Fluhrer of Sammamish, Washington, and Scott Fluhrer of Miami, Florida.

Graveside services will be held Friday, April 21, 2017, at 11 a.m., at Knappa Prairie Cemetery, 92924 Knappa Dock Road, Astoria, OR 97103.

Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements. Please sign our online guest book at www.caldwellsmortuary.com



Felix Caballero

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

- TUESDAY**
Sunset Empire Park and Rec District, 4 p.m., 1225 Ave. A, Seaside.
Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430.
Warrenton City Commission, 5:30 p.m., work session on capital improvement projects, City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
Seaside School District, 6 p.m., 1810 S. Franklin, Seaside.
Shoreline Sanitary District Board, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., work session, City Hall, 989 Broadway.
- WEDNESDAY**
Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

LOTTERIES

- OREGON**
Monday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 3-2-1-9
 4 p.m.: 9-5-3-0
 7 p.m.: 1-8-2-5
 10 p.m.: 2-7-9-7
Monday's Megabucks: 6-9-14-25-39-42
 Estimated jackpot: \$4.2 million
- WASHINGTON**
Monday's Daily Game: 4-7-4
Monday's Hit 5: 12-23-25-26-31
 Estimated jackpot: \$170,000
Monday's Keno: 06-08-12-21-23-25-32-36-37-43-46-49-53-58-66-71-73-77-79-80
Monday's Lotto: 13-14-17-18-46-48
 Estimated jackpot: \$5 million
Monday's Match 4: 05-06-17-24

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