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## Surge in trespass and abandoned junk calls



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Authorities in Astoria have seen a rise recently in the number of complaints from residents about discarded vehicles and other items.

### Links to the homeless, jail overcrowding

By JACK HEFFERNAN  
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Complaints about trespassing and abandoned junk have soared over the past five years, symptoms of homelessness, a housing shortage and overcrowding at the county jail.

The number of trespass calls jumped from 45 in 2012 to 249 in 2016, according to Astoria Dispatch, which covers the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office and Astoria and Warrenton police departments, while abandoned junk calls rose from 142 to 335.

Trespass calls largely stem from homeless people camping or loitering outside business doorways, Astoria Police Deputy Chief Eric Halverson said. The second half of each year has historically seen more of these incidents, with peaks usually occurring during the summer.

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Authorities have also seen an increase in reports of campsites around the area.

**'We're dealing with a small percentage of people repeatedly.'**

Eric Halverson  
Astoria Police deputy chief

## Kitten hoarder receives probation

Cat adoption event happens Friday

By JACK HEFFERNAN  
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A woman arrested for hoarding more than 40 cats in her car pleaded guilty Wednesday to four counts of second-degree animal neglect. She was sentenced to three years' probation as part of an agreement with the Clatsop County District Attorney's Office.

Kathryn St. Clare, 58, of Lake Stevens, Washington, was arrested in Warrenton in April. She had two warrants — each carrying 10 counts of animal cruelty — for her arrest out of Snohomish County in Washington.

An officer in April recognized her as she was pouring antifreeze into her 1997 green Chevrolet Suburban in the Fred Meyer parking lot. St. Clare said she was purchasing cat food and litter from the store.



Kathryn St. Clare

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## Tour shows value of commercial fisheries

A look at fishing, processing and boats

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
The Daily Astorian

Positive news about successful local efforts to build and maintain a strong fishing community in Clatsop County jostled with concerns about attracting workers at the first ever Clatsop Commercial Fisheries Tour Wednesday.

The tour, conceived of and hosted by Oregon State University's Oregon Sea Grant, drew approximately 100 people, introducing them to fishermen working in the county's Dungeness crab and groundfish fisheries and taking them through seafood plants and boat yards in Astoria.

The overall message was positive. Fishermen, seafood processors and boat builders talked about the sustainability of Oregon's fisheries, the economic benefit the

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### BY THE NUMBERS

45

the number of trespass calls in 2012, according to Astoria Dispatch.

249

the number of trespass calls in 2016, according to Astoria Dispatch.

200

the estimated number of beds needed to fully resolve jail overcrowding in Clatsop County.

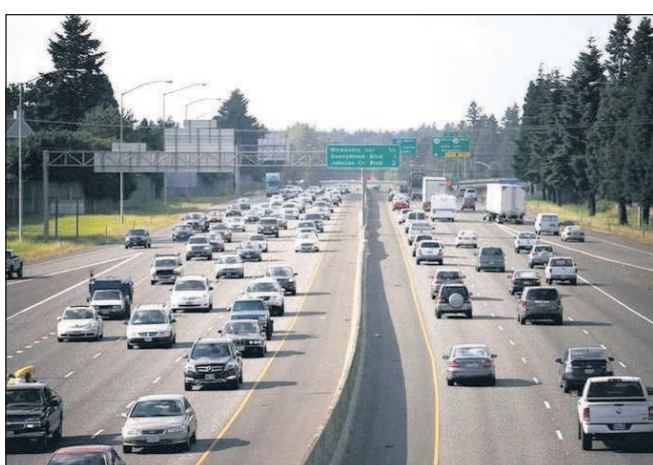
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## Transportation package is an all-or-nothing deal



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A provision in the Legislature's \$8 billion transportation proposal requires the entire bill to be repealed if voters successfully challenge any piece of it.

By PARIS ACHEN  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon's proposed 10-year, multibillion-dollar transportation package could be repealed in its entirety if voters challenge even one of its provisions.

Legislators said they added that caveat to the transportation bill because projects and programs depend on corresponding increases in taxes and fees in the package.

"The logic is that this is a package. If you pull one string, the whole thing comes apart," said state Sen. Lee Beyer, D-Springfield, co-chairman of

the Joint Committee on Transportation Preservation and Maintenance.

Legislative counsel, who drafted the provisions of the package, unveiled the first draft of the 298-page legislation to the committee Wednesday.

The 14-member committee will hold public hearings on the bill Monday to Wednesday at the state Capitol. A vote on the House floor could come as soon as mid-June.

### 'Openly transparent'

"I am feeling relieved we have (the package) out on the table," Beyer said. "I don't

think the Oregon Legislature has ever done as openly transparent a package as this."

Beginning last year, the committee held meetings throughout the state to speak to constituents about their transportation needs and held open meetings at the Capitol to negotiate specifics of the package.

The end result would raise about \$8 billion over a 10-year period to pay for projects to relieve congestion, maintain roads and bridges and enhance safety for different types of commuters.

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