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## Trump asks Supreme Court to reinstate travel ban

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration has asked the Supreme Court to immediately reinstate its ban on travelers from six mostly Muslim countries, saying the U.S. will be safer if the policy is put in place.



President Donald Trump

The Justice Department filing to the high court late Thursday argued that the federal appeals court in Richmond, Virginia, made several mistakes in ruling against the Trump travel policy.

Immigration officials would have 90 days to decide what changes are necessary before people from Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen may resume applying for visas. It takes a majority of the court, at least five justices, to put the policy into effect.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals called the national security concerns an after-the-fact justification for a policy that was "rooted in religious animus and intended to bar Muslims from this country." The appeals court ruled against reinstating the travel policy by a 10-3 vote last week.

The Justice Department is "confident that President Trump's executive order is well within his lawful authority to keep the nation safe and protect our communities from terrorism," spokeswoman Sarah Isgur Flores said. "The president is not required to admit people from countries that sponsor or shelter terrorism, until he determines that they can be properly vetted and do not pose a security risk to the United States."

## \$8.2 billion education proposal moves forward in Legislature

SALEM — An \$8.2 billion proposal to fund Oregon's K-12 education system cleared its first hurdle in Salem on Thursday — the biggest school budget to-date and the state's single-largest obligation for the 2017-19 budget.

The funding figure represents the state's share of the K-12 budget, known as the State School Fund, the biggest source of school district funding that comes directly from state household, business and property taxes.

As lawmakers are in a gridlock over how to close an upcoming \$1.4 billion shortfall that jeopardizes health care for 350,000 Medicaid expansion recipients, this week's education funding proposal is a 9 percent overall jump, or a \$830 million increase, from the current budget schools are working with today, although the final numbers are subject to change.

Still, some of the state's 197 school districts say they need at least another \$200 million to avoid teacher layoffs and other cuts. Even then, educators say Oregon schools are still underfunded by about \$2 billion per biennium — a figure derived from the so-called Quality Education Model, or QEM, which is the state's metric for determining what's "adequate and equitable" school funding.

## Center: Hospital expects to more than double its staff by the end of 2018

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particle accelerator from Swedish radiotherapy equipment manufacturer Elekta used at the Knight Cancer Institute. The accelerator directs a beam of radiation at a patient's tumor during treatment to irradiate cancerous tumors.

"It has to be perfectly level," Laman said. "The machine has to know the beam is going exactly to the right spot."

The walls of the chamber around the accelerator are 3 1/2-foot thick on the bottom and sides, and 7 1/2-foot thick on top. Keeping the concrete and the 28,000-pound accelerator level are 280 aggregate stone piers dug into the ground underneath.

The linear accelerator, being shipped across the Atlantic Ocean, through the Panama Canal and up to Los Angeles, will then be trucked up the West Coast in boxes, delivered to the building in early July to be assembled, installed, tested and certified over a 2 1/2-month period. Laman said the accelerator will likely be ready for use in early October, shortly before the building's expected grand opening Oct. 12. Parts of the center will open to patients in September.

## Infusion center

In 2008, Sangkun "Sonny" Park reached out about bringing cancer treatment services to Astoria. In 2010, the hospital partnered with OHSU to create a cancer care clinic, temporarily in the CMH Health & Wellness Pavilion. After a \$300,000 grant from the Astoria Development Commission for renovations, the cancer center moved into the Park Medical Building, where it provides 2,500 infusion and chemotherapy visits per year, expected to increase to 3,000 at the new center.

Patients receiving infusions will face a bank of windows on



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Work continues on the Knight Cancer Collaborative, including walls of concrete up to 7 1/2 feet thick. Stone piers will keep the concrete and 28,000-pound accelerator level.

the second floor with expansive views of the Columbia River. But some infusions can last six to seven hours, Laman said, meaning the hospital needed chairs that patients would like to be in for long periods. The hospital had general contractor P&C Construction build a mock-up of the infusion center in Fort George Brewery's Lovell Showroom and invited three chair vendors to bring their models to be tested and voted on by patients, staff and others from the community.

## Support services

"Over the last few years, there's been more and more research showing that it's not just the chemotherapy or the radiation that really gets the patient through this process," Laman said. "It's sort of a multidisciplinary team that takes care of the patient."

In addition to exam, positron emission tomography and CT scanning on the first floor, the hospital will provide a financial planner to take

patients through the financing of cancer treatment. The hospital will also offer support groups and counselors; beauticians to help with cosmetics, shaving and hair care during treatment; a yoga instructor; a massage therapist, acupuncturist and a naturopath to help deal with side effects of treatment naturally; and a patient resource center for wigs, prosthetics and other products for people going through treatment.

The hospital expects to more than double its staff from 17 now to 37 by the end of 2018 at the new building. OHSU, which provides the region's only oncologist for diagnoses and prescribing treatment, will provide an additional medical oncologist and a radiation oncologist, opening more appointments for patients. OHSU will also link the local doctors with further support and expertise of specialists in Portland.

## Local touch

In addition to using local

subcontractors under general contractor P&C Construction, the hospital has worked with 17 local artists on art installations throughout the building, including a mosaic and sculptures by ceramicist Richard Rowland and handmade paper lighting features by HiiH Lights.

The hospital is using more than \$13 million in bonds to pay for the project. And in January, the CMH Foundation completed a fundraising campaign of more than \$3 million from local and regional donors.

"So many people have worked together to bring radiation therapy to the community and to build this state-of-the-art cancer treatment center," the hospital's CEO Erik Thorsen said. "This has been one of the greatest community-supported projects that I have witnessed in my career. The new CMH/OHSU Knight Cancer Collaborative will reduce the incredible burden cancer causes for so many people in our community."

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