

# Bill would track grad rates

Better tool to measure progress

By **PARIS ACHEN**  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — A bill awaiting state Senate approval would require public universities to report the number of students from each Oregon high school and their college graduation rates.

Legislators said the bill was intended to accelerate reporting information that should have been part of a state initiative to set up a statewide data system to track students' progress from preschool to postsecondary school.

The information is important for school officials to gauge how they are doing in preparing pupils for college, said state Rep. Mark Johnson, R-Hood River, the chief sponsor of the bill. The data also could help state education officials and lawmakers understand where they need to invest money and time to improve the state's high school graduation rate, which is one of the lowest in the nation.

"There are national data that track student enrollment. We know how many are enrolling (in Oregon public

postsecondary institutions), but we can't trace them back to the school of origin here in Oregon," Johnson said last month.

"How are those students matriculating through the system? Where do they do well? Where do they have roadblocks?"

The House of Representatives and Senate both passed the bill unanimously. But changes during a conference committee to reconcile differences in the two versions of the bill still need approval. The House checked off on those changes Monday. The Senate is scheduled to vote on the changes today.

## 'Seamless system'

Gov. Kate Brown, who holds the title of state schools chief, has identified "a seamless system of education from cradle to career" as one of her priorities. Yet the longitudinal data system, a project of the Chief Education Office, has not been completed in the past several years.

"The longitudinal data system has been promised to us since 2011," Johnson said. "It's still not up and running."

During a Senate debate on the bill in May, Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, asked why a bill was necessary to facilitate information

sharing between education agencies.

"With our current appalling graduation rate and all of the money we've spent on this longitudinal data system, why does the Legislature have to pass a bill to achieve cooperative data sharing between the Department of Education, school districts and HECC (Higher Education Coordinating Commission)?" Sen. Johnson asked.

The clearinghouse of data the Oregon Department of Education uses to provide graduation information lacks the students' originating districts, said Sen. Arnie Roblan, D-Coos Bay.

"This doesn't allow us to make the comparisons across the state about how our students are being prepared," Roblan said last month.

Postsecondary institutions will be required to report students' originating district and graduation rates to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. The commission, in turn, will share that information with the Department of Education, which will share it with individual school districts, Roblan said.

A commission spokeswoman said higher education institutions would be able to comply with the rules, if the bill is signed into law. The Department of Education

was neutral on the bill, said a spokeswoman for the K-12 department.

"This could be accomplished by the long-awaited longitudinal data system, but that is not yet completed," Roblan said.

## Scheduled for completion

About \$6.5 million for the longitudinal data system was approved during the 2016 legislative session, state Chief Education Officer Lindsey Capps said.

The project kicked off in July with an 18-month schedule and is scheduled for completion by the end of the year, Capps wrote in an email.

The system was originally conceived as a project of the now defunct Oregon Education Innovation Board, launched by Gov. John Kitzhaber, Rep. Johnson said.

The system will include data from the Department of Education, Higher Education Coordinating Commission, the Early Learning Division and the Oregon Employment Department and will provide "a comprehensive view of aggregated history from K-20 into the workforce," Capps wrote.

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# Real ID bill heads to state Senate for vote

Tougher federal enforcement starts in January

By **KRISTENA HANSEN**  
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SALEM — Oregon lawmakers have advanced a proposal that would allow the state to issue state driver's licenses and identification cards in compliance with federal standards borne after the 9/11 attacks beginning in the next three years.

Senate Bill 374 passed on Monday out of a subcommittee with unanimous support and now heads to the Joint Ways and Means committee before it can go to the Senate floor.

Even if the proposal ultimately becomes law, residents thinking about booking flights for next year's family vacation or work trips still might consider getting their passports updated beforehand if need be.

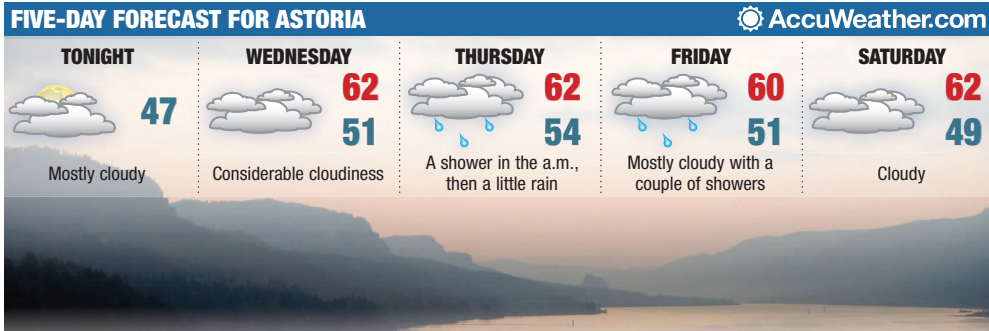
In January, the Transportation Security Administration will begin enforcing the federal 2005 Real ID Act at U.S. airports, meaning state-issued IDs that aren't in compliance or don't have a special extension will be useless for domestic travel, requiring travelers to instead use their passports or some other alternative.

Oregon's third federal extension expired last week and is now in a grace period until July 10, buying a little more time for entering certain federal buildings or military bases where the Real ID law is also enforced. Passage of a Real ID law like SB 374 had usually be enough to help the state secure another extension.

Now noncompliant states may no longer get a break, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary John F. Kelly recently told Congress.

"We are somewhat concerned by comments made by the Secretary of Homeland Security to Congress last week, which would tend to indicate somewhat less confidence that we would be granted extensions, even with passage of a bill," Amy Joyce, legislative liaison for the Oregon Department of Transportation and Economic Development Subcommittee on Monday. "He intends to make a decision this week regarding additional extensions, so time is of the essence."

About half the country is now in compliance with the federal law, meaning those residents have until Oct. 21, 2020, before being required to show the REAL ID compliant identification.



ALMANAC	
Astoria through Monday.	
<b>Temperatures</b>	
High/low	59°/51°
Normal high/low	63°/50°
Record high	82° in 2002
Record low	39° in 1949
<b>Precipitation</b>	
Monday	0.02"
Month to date	0.97"
Normal month to date	1.21"
Year to date	48.10"
Normal year to date	34.57"

SUN AND MOON	
Sunset tonight	9:08 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	5:23 a.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonset today	9:15 a.m.
Last	June 17
New	June 23
First	June 30
Full	July 8

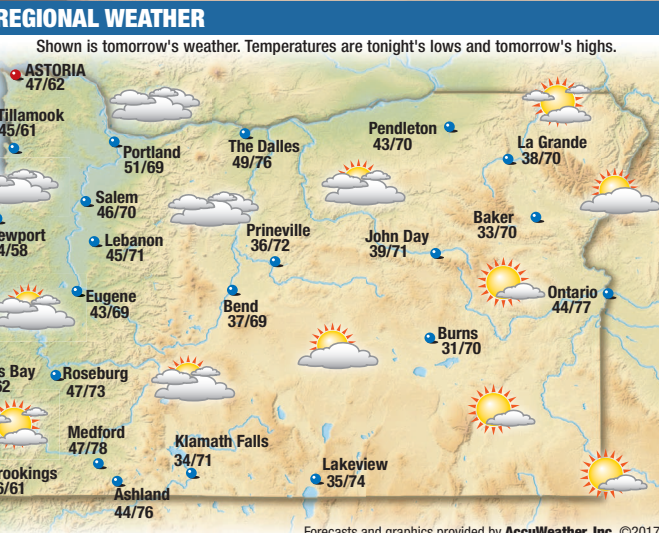
**UNDER THE SKY**  
Tonight's Sky: Albireo is a double star consisting of a brighter yellow star and a fainter blue star.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

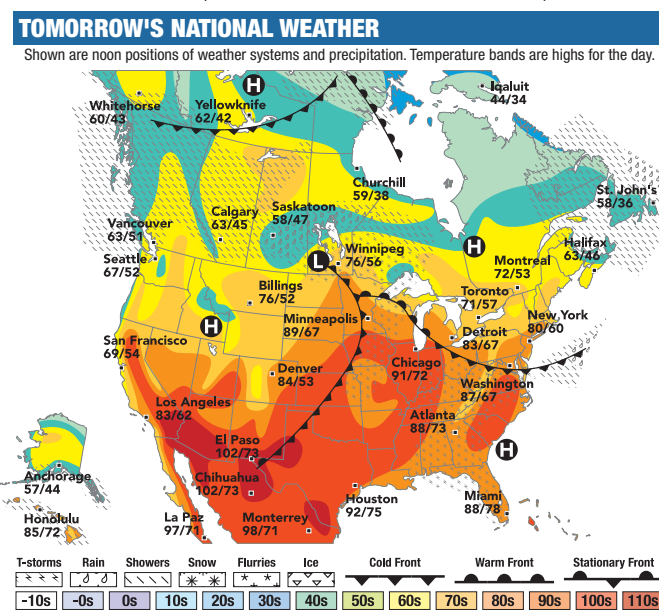
TOMORROW'S TIDES		
Astoria / Port Docks		
Time	High	Low
4:23 a.m.	8.1 ft.	11:20 a.m.
6:08 p.m.	7.2 ft.	11:40 p.m.
		2.9 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES						
City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	87	70	t	88	73	t
Boston	91	63	pc	71	57	s
Chicago	90	74	pc	91	72	t
Denver	80	50	s	84	53	s
Des Moines	96	76	s	92	68	t
Detroit	89	68	t	83	67	pc
El Paso	97	69	s	102	73	s
Fairbanks	64	42	s	68	40	pc
Honolulu	86	72	t	85	72	t
Indianapolis	90	73	t	90	71	t
Kansas City	91	75	s	86	69	t
Las Vegas	90	70	s	98	74	s
Los Angeles	80	60	s	83	62	s
Memphis	90	75	t	91	77	pc
Miami	89	79	t	88	78	pc
Nashville	91	72	t	92	72	t
New Orleans	84	75	t	86	75	sh
New York	94	70	s	80	60	s
Oklahoma City	92	73	s	92	73	pc
Philadelphia	97	74	s	85	63	pc
St. Louis	96	78	t	94	75	t
Salt Lake City	72	52	r	79	59	s
San Francisco	69	53	pc	69	54	pc
Seattle	63	50	c	67	52	c
Washington, DC	94	76	s	87	67	t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.



REGIONAL CITIES													
City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	64	33	s	70	40	pc	Olympia	62	45	c	66	49	c
Bend	63	37	pc	69	45	c	Pendleton	66	43	pc	70	50	pc
Brookings	60	48	s	60	50	c	Portland	65	51	c	69	54	c
Eugene	64	43	pc	69	49	c	Roseburg	68	47	pc	73	52	pc
Ilwaco	58	50	c	59	52	c	Salem	64	46	c	70	51	c
Klamath Falls	66	34	s	71	41	s	Seaside	58	48	r	60	52	c
Medford	74	47	s	78	53	pc	Spokane	70	46	pc	67	49	pc
Newberg	63	46	c	68	50	c	Springfield	64	44	pc	71	48	c
Newport	58	44	c	58	49	c	Vancouver	63	49	c	68	54	c
North Bend	61	47	pc	63	51	c	Yakima	75	42	pc	75	49	c



## ON THE RECORD

### Physical Harassment

• At 2:13 p.m. Friday, Thomas Owen Mizell, 48, of Astoria, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department on the 300 block of West Marine Drive for physical harassment and strangulation. During a domestic argument, Mizell allegedly grabbed a woman by her throat and shoved her against the wall. She was found with redness and scratches around her neck.

### Assault

• At 1:05 a.m. Saturday, Corey Conklin, 38, of Seaside, was arrested by the Seaside Police Department on the 800 block of Necanicum Drive for fourth-degree assault following a domestic argument.

### DUII

• At 8:43 p.m. Friday, Joshua Mychal Edwards, 26, of Longview, Washington, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on Ridge Road near Camp Kiwanilong Road for driving under the influence of intoxicants and refusing to take a breath test.

• At 10:11 p.m. Friday, Adam Joseph Lamie, 22, of Astoria, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on Southeast Ensign lane near U.S. Highway 101 for DUII. His blood alcohol content was 0.18 percent.

• At 11:54 p.m. Friday, Harold Cox, 60, of Seaside, was arrested by the Seaside Police Department on the 800 block

of North Holladay Drive for DUII, interfering with a police officer and resisting arrest. His blood alcohol content was 0.12 percent.

• At 1:58 a.m. Sunday, Christopher Young Bokor, 26, of Astoria, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department on Eighth Street near Marine Drive for DUII, reckless driving and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. 911 callers reported their car, which matched the description of the one Bokor was driving, had been taken from their barn the previous night.

Bokor allegedly told an officer he may have taken the wrong vehicle. He allegedly had drugs in his system.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**TUESDAY**  
**Cannon Beach City Council**, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.  
**Warrenton City Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.  
**Clatsop Community College Board**, 6:30 p.m., budget hearing, regular meeting afterward, Columbia Hall Room 219.  
**Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board**, 7 p.m., budget

hearing followed by regular meeting, main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Astoria City Council**, 9 a.m., work session on Advance Astoria, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.  
**Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District Board**, 10 a.m., second floor, Room 207, Astoria Post Office, 750 Commercial St.

**Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 6 p.m., Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

**Astoria School Board**, 6:15 p.m., study session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.

**Wickiup Water District Board**, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

## CORRECTION

**Wrong location, witness** — A standoff between Seaside Police and Shaun Scarborough took place at an apartment on South Columbia Street. A story on 2A on June 5 described the wrong location. Neighbors reported Scarborough had been driving recklessly. The story incorrectly said Scarborough's father said he was driving recklessly.

## BIRTH

**June 4, 2017**  
**DOWNES**, Emily and James, of Gearhart, a girl, Evelyn Jay Downes, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Glen and Lori Maiden of Gearhart, Toby and Donna Downes of Murphy and Bill and Tracy Rattledge of Sutherlin.

## DEATH

**June 13, 2017**  
**BUCKMAN**, Donna Mae, 72, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

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