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The Legislature adjourned Friday after a contentious session. Although a budget and a transportation package were passed, there was no progress on long-term pension costs and revenue reforms.

Session: Some accomplishments may face possible challenges at ballot box

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Brown, a Democrat, "There were some very difficult votes taken, both sides of the aisle, and I want to applaud their courage and their willingness to put politics aside and do the right thing for Oregonians."

Transportation

Some of those accomplishments, including the transportation package and the state's funding mechanism for Medicaid, appear to face possible challenges at the ballot box.

The legislature convenes the five-month session in odd numbered years. In that time, they must balance the state's budget.

Lawmakers made cuts and ended tax credits in the effort to close the \$1.4 billion gap.

"Our budget was the best we could do without real revenue reform," Courtney said. "It funds schools better than expected. It limits tuition increases. It protects the Oregon Health Plan."

Lawmakers came up with a few ways to save money in the future through Senate Bill 1067, mainly through holding down costs of public employee health benefit plans. The savings attributable to the bill in the next two years are indeterminate, according to the legislative fiscal office, but are projected to save about \$1 billion in the 2019-21 biennium.

The transportation fund-



ing bill crowned lawmakers' accomplishments this session, after a similar plan crumbled in 2015. Brown and legislative leaders identified the transportation funding deal as top priority for the session.

The bill raises the revenue over 10 years through an increase in the gas tax and registration and title fees, a flat tax on adult bicycles priced more than \$200, and a 0.5 percent excise tax on the purchase of new vehicles.

However, lawmakers signaled fear that voters might challenge the proposal at the ballot: They passed another law to move up the date of any election on any referral to May.

Affordable housing

While a bill to ban no-cause evictions came to a standstill, the Legislature approved tens of millions of dollars in funding to address the state's critical affordable housing shortage with emergency housing assistance, affordable housing preservation, state-backed bonds for development and an increase in the cap for the affordable housing tax credit.

Other legislation helps to accelerate permitting for affordable housing and accessory dwelling units and establishes a loan program to developers to purchase land for affordable housing.

'We made good progress, but we need to do more to protect renters from staggering rent spikes and no-cause evictions. In 2018, we will push to finish this session's unfinished business on housing," said House Speaker Tina Kotek.

To avoid opening a second women's prison, lawmakers expanded early-release and alternative programs to help keep low-level female offenders out of prison. They also reduced penalties for drug and property crimes, which are the main drivers of female incarceration.

Under another law, secret grand jury proceedings must be recorded.

Lawmakers also instituted a new mandate aimed at reducing racial profiling during police stops. The law requires police to collect data on race, gender and other information during law enforcement stops. The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission would analyze the data to identify trends and the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training would provide training to all law enforcement on preventing profiling.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

Trump's son changed account of meeting with Russian lawyer

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's eldest son changed his account over the weekend of a meeting he had with a Russian lawyer during the 2016 campaign, saying Sunday that the woman told him she had information about Democrat Hillary Clinton.

A statement from Donald Trump Jr. one day earlier made no mention of Clinton. In his initial depiction of the meeting last June, the president's son said the discussion focused on a disbanded program that used to allow American adoptions of Russian children.

It appeared that Trump Jr. shifted his account of the meeting after being presented with additional information from The New York Times, which first reported both the discussion and the prospect of negative information about

The meeting with Kremlin-linked lawyer Natalia Veselnitskaya is the earliest known private meeting between key aides to the president and a Russian. Federal and congressional investigators are probing whether Trump's campaign coordinated with Russia to meddle in the presidential election, investigations the president has called a "hoax."

Jared Kushner, Trump's son-in-law and White House senior adviser, and then-campaign chairman Paul Manafort also attended the meeting with Veselnitskaya.

Trump backing off idea of 'cyber security unit' with Russia

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump appears to be backing away from the idea of working with Russia to create a "cyber security unit" to guard against election hacking.

Trump tweeted Sunday morning about discussing such a unit with Russian President Vladimir Putin. Yet it's Russia that U.S. intelligence officials blame for meddling in last

Widespread ridicule greeted Trump's tweet. Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham of South Carolina calls it "pretty close" to the dumbest idea he's ever heard. A Democratic congressman, Adam Schiff of California, says expecting Russia to be a credible partner in any cybersecurity initiative "would be dan-

By Sunday evening, Trump was tweeting a different tune. He wrote that just because he and Putin discussed the idea "doesn't mean I think it can happen. It can't."

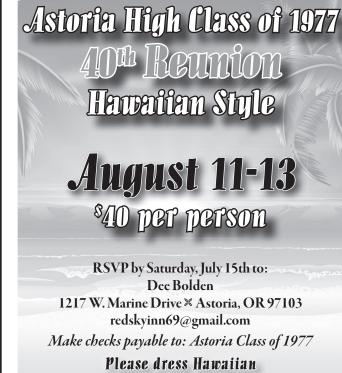
Another Senate Republican, Marco Rubio of Florida, said on Twitter that "partnering with Putin on a 'Cyber Security Unit' is akin to partnering with Assad on a 'Chemical Weapons Unit." Rubio was referring to Syrian President Bashar Assad and his regime's use of chemical weapons against its own citizens.'



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