

Democrats see path to carbon 'cap and invest' bill

A price on greenhouse emissions

By PARIS ACHEN
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SALEM — State Democratic lawmakers say they may finally have enough momentum to enact a “cap and invest” carbon dioxide-reduction program in 2018.

State Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, and Rep. Ken Helm, D-Beaverton, are convening work groups Sept. 21 to help refine a proposal that has evolved over the past few years.

“I think there is a path to get this done in 2018,” Dembrow said. “The sooner we do it, the sooner we can do the work and get the investment going.”

House Speaker Tina Kotek and Gov. Kate Brown have both backed the effort.

Similar to a program in California, the Oregon proposal would limit the amount of carbon dioxide a business

could emit each year. After exceeding the cap, the business would be required to buy market-priced allowances for any additional emissions. The payments would encourage businesses to reduce their carbon footprint. Meanwhile, proceeds from the competitive auction of those allowances could yield an estimated \$700 million per year to invest in projects that slow climate change, supporters say.

At the end of the legislative session in July, Kotek identified the program as an unfinished priority.

And one week later, the governor announced that she would seek to pass a state “cap and invest” bill next year. She made the announcement at a screening of former Vice President Al Gore’s “An Inconvenient Sequel” hosted by environmental group Renew Oregon in Portland.

A reporter from the New Yorker, who attended the screening, quoted Brown as saying: “I think the rest of the world needs to see Americans, and Oregonians, standing up.

‘...it doesn’t appear the governor’s office has much intention of working with Republicans on that issue.’

Preston Mann,
a spokesman for House Minority Leader
Mike McLane, R-Powell Butte

We must participate, and we must be part of the solution.”

About 100 businesses, including fuel suppliers, electricity providers, landfills and manufacturers — which emit at least 25,000 tons of carbon dioxide per year — would have to buy allowances.

A price on carbon could then be used to invest in projects such as solar panel installations or construction of affordable housing near light rail lines, said Brad Reed of Renew Oregon.

Reaching out

Helm and Dembrow are reaching out to Republicans and members of industry to join the “cap and invest” work groups. The invitations came

He said discussions should center on whether “cap and invest” is right for Oregon.

State lawmakers have yet to assess how much existing policies have already reduced carbon dioxide, Bentz said.

“In its place in the world, has Oregon done its part or not?” he said. “Those are justifiable questions to ask because we are a small state.”

Deciding whether to adopt “cap and invest” should wait until 2019, when the Legislature will have a session of more than five months, Mann said. The session in 2018 lasts only 35 days.

Costs

Opponents also say costs of the program would eventually trickle down to consumers.

“We would have a lot of concerns about the way the program is presented so far because the individuals affected by this are in rural and low-income communities who already have taken the brunt of policy changes recently and in the last decades,” Mann said.

A study by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality indicated the costs could have an inordinate effect on people in low-income and rural communities because they already spend a larger percent of their income on fuel.

But another study out of California shows record economic growth and carbon reductions came in tandem with that state’s participation in a “cap and invest” program.

Oregon is modeling its program after California’s, so the state can learn from its southern neighbor’s mistakes and successes, Dembrow said.

The California report “busts the old myth that reducing emissions comes with reduced economic activity, even as their population is growing, pollution is falling and the economy is booming,” said Reed of Renew Oregon.

“Opponents of the policies in California ... said the same bad things. History has proven them wrong.”

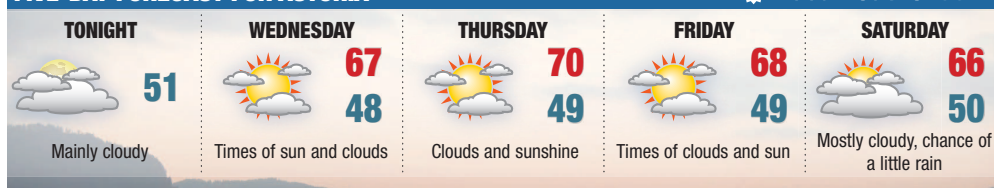
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ON THE RECORD

DUII

• At 6:51 p.m. Saturday, Jordan Snyder, 25, of Astoria, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department on 17th Street and Duane Street and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.19 percent.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.
Temperatures
High/low 79°/47°
Normal high/low 69°/50°
Record high 88° in 2009
Record low 37° in 1988
Precipitation
Monday 0.00"
Month to date 0.21"
Normal month to date 0.66"
Year to date 50.27"
Normal year to date 38.76"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 7:33 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday 6:51 a.m.
Moonrise today 11:46 p.m.
Moonset today 2:01 p.m.



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Last Quarter Moon (11:25 p.m.)

TOMORROW'S TIDES

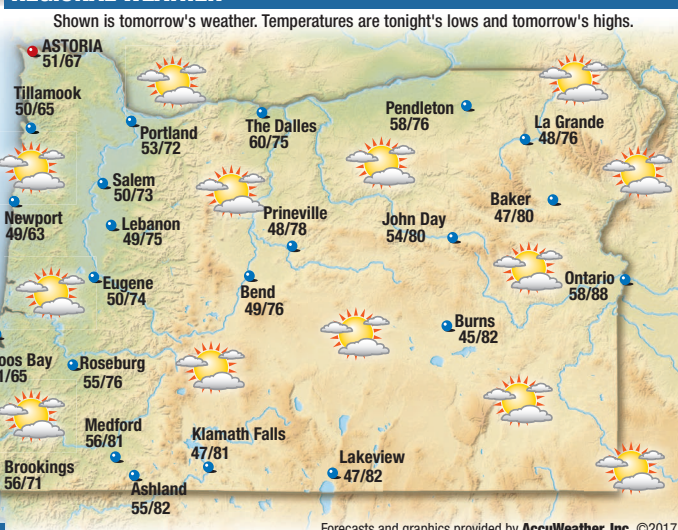
Astoria / Port Docks	High	Time	Low
8:02 a.m.	6.2 ft.	1:34 a.m.	0.2 ft.
7:28 p.m.	8.0 ft.	1:24 p.m.	2.4 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	68 59 r	77 62 pc
Boston	85 62 pc	81 65 pc
Chicago	76 59 pc	73 59 pc
Denver	88 61 pc	90 58 pc
Des Moines	86 60 pc	88 62 pc
Detroit	77 60 pc	75 60 sh
El Paso	94 69 s	98 73 s
Fairbanks	60 47 pc	63 44 c
Honolulu	87 73 r	87 73 pc
Indianapolis	73 60 r	68 58 r
Kansas City	81 57 pc	85 61 pc
Las Vegas	100 78 pc	96 72 pc
Los Angeles	84 66 pc	80 64 pc
Memphis	64 61 r	75 64 r
Miami	92 78 s	91 79 pc
Nashville	67 58 r	64 60 r
New Orleans	83 65 pc	85 69 s
New York	82 66 pc	80 68 pc
Oklahoma City	80 57 pc	87 61 s
Philadelphia	81 65 pc	79 67 sh
St. Louis	79 62 r	75 60 pc
Salt Lake City	91 66 pc	87 65 pc
San Francisco	78 63 pc	74 61 pc
Seattle	73 54 s	69 52 pc
Washington, DC	73 66 pc	81 68 pc

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

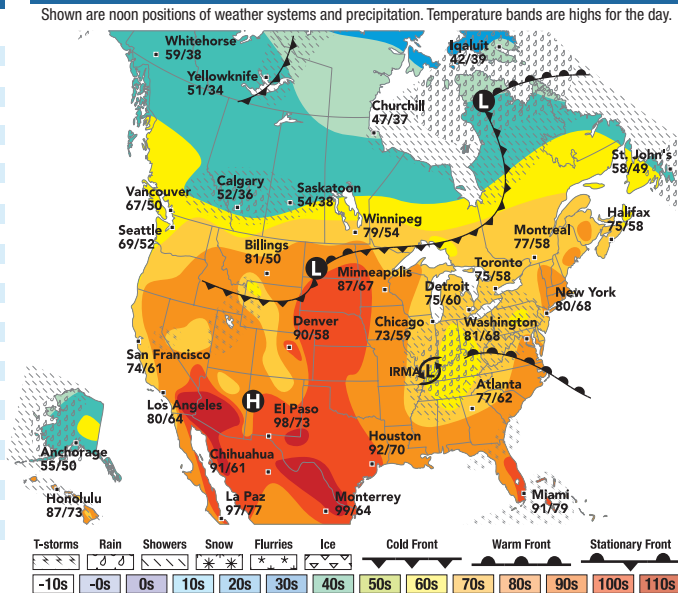
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Baker City	87 47 s	80 39 pc	Olympia	77 46 s	70 43 pc
Bend	88 49 pc	76 40 pc	Pendleton	91 58 pc	76 49 pc
Brookings	73 56 pc	69 52 pc	Portland	81 53 s	72 52 pc
Eugene	85 50 pc	74 46 pc	Roseburg	88 55 pc	76 49 pc
Ilwaco	65 54 pc	64 51 pc	Salem	85 50 s	73 48 pc
Klamath Falls	80 47 t	81 42 pc	Seaside	67 53 pc	66 49 pc
Medford	89 56 pc	81 49 pc	Spokane	84 54 pc	72 46 pc
Newberg	86 49 s	73 47 pc	Springfield	87 49 pc	75 46 pc
Newport	65 49 pc	63 47 pc	Vancouver	83 52 s	72 49 pc
North Bend	67 51 pc	65 49 pc	Yakima	92 53 pc	78 44 pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Columbia Gorge trails might be closed for months after wildfire

Associated Press

TROUTDALE — Hiking trails affected by a wildfire in the Columbia River Gorge might be closed for months, authorities said Monday.

Landslide risk, potential for falling trees, root snags and severe erosion as the winter rains start will have repair crews busy until spring, Dawn Stender, a trail crew supervisor for the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, told The Oregonian.

The fire in the Columbia River Gorge has displaced

hundreds of residents, shut down Interstate 84 and burned 52 square miles since it started over the Labor Day weekend in one of Oregon’s most treasured natural places.

Eastbound lanes of I-84 will remain closed another week and officials on Sunday expanded the trail closures to all recreation areas.

The fire damaged the popular Angel’s Rest trail, leaving the steep, switchback path looking like a moonscape pierced with blackened tree trunks. Fire also burned a pedestrian tunnel near Oneonta Gorge.

It’s too early to fully assess the damage elsewhere, but many other popular hikes use trails that were in the middle of the blaze, including Eagle Creek, Wahclella Falls, Munra Point, Larch Mountain, Oneonta Gorge and Horsetail Falls.

The fire was started on the Eagle Creek trail by a 15-year-old boy who tossed fireworks into the woods, authorities have said, and initially trapped 150 hikers in the area overnight.

“It would be futile to do any sort of trail work before the winter,” Stender told the newspaper.

Man who fell at Oswald West identified

The Daily Astorian

Authorities have identified the Canadian man who apparently fell to his death Sunday afternoon at Oswald West

State Park as Joseph McDonald Lescene.

Lescene, 51, of British Columbia, was hiking with his wife near Devil’s Cauldron when he reportedly lost

his footing and fell about 800 feet to the water below, authorities said. His body has not been recovered.

No foul play is suspected, but the investigation is ongoing.

‘Immigration 101’ offers workshop to public

The Daily Astorian

Find out about the immigration system and its impacts on families and communities in a free public workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Columbian Theater in Astoria.

The training is hosted by

Indivisible North Coast Oregon and presented by the Rural Organizing Project.

The workshop is in English. Topics include the impacts of being undocumented, detention policies and building productive relationships with immigrants. The Rural Organizing Project also presents

its family preparedness packet and educational immigration board game.

For information about the Rural Organizing Project, call 503-543-8417. For information about this event or INCO, email incoregon@gmail.com or go to <http://indivisible-northcoastor.blogspot.com>

BIRTH

Sept. 5, 2017

KINDRED, Kilee and CROW, Adam, of Astoria, a boy, Sawyer Scott Crow, born at

Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Scott and Suzanne Kindred and Kathy and Alan Crow.

DEATH

Sept. 11, 2017

STANLEY, Thomas Quenton, 82, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory of Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Clatsop Community College Board, 5:30 p.m., work session, 6:30 p.m., regular meeting, Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

WEDNESDAY

Astoria City Council, 9 a.m., City Hall, work session on city

goals, 1095 Duane St.
Clatsop Soil & Water Conservation District, 10 a.m., 750 Commercial St., No. 207.
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge 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.
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Monday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 3-7-6-2
4 p.m.: 9-3-6-9
7 p.m.: 8-4-8-6
10 p.m.: 9-3-4-3

Monday's Lucky Lines: 04-

05-11-14-19-24-25-31
Estimated jackpot: \$13,000

Monday's Megabucks: 13-18-24-28-33-43
Estimated jackpot: \$7.2 million

WASHINGTON

Monday's Daily Game: 1-9-6

Monday's Hit 5: 06-13-14-23-33
Estimated jackpot: \$220,000

Monday's Keno: 03-06-08-10-14-18-21-25-26-27-28-32-39-46-48-54-55-63-69-75

Monday's Lotto: 03-15-18-19-42-45
Estimated jackpot: \$3 million

Monday's Match 4: 05-16-17-24

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