Oregon abortion laws bring in out-of-state residents

By MARKIAN HAWRYLUK The Bulletin

BEND — Oregon is providing more abortions than its residents receive, a sign the state's abortion laws are less restrictive than in some neighboring states.

Oregon residents underwent 7,847 abortion procedures in 2015, out of a total of 8,610 abortions performed within the state — about 11.2 percent of abortions in Oregon were for out-of-state residents, according to data released by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week.

For comparison, in Idaho, fewer abortions (1,272) were performed than residents received (1,695), with just 4.6 percent for out-of-state residents. Washington had nearly the same number of total abortions and abortions for residents

"We tend to assume that

because abortion is legal that everybody has readily available access to the procedure when needed," said Grayson Dempsey, executive director for NARAL Pro-Choice Oregon. "The reality is that for women who are in a state like Idaho, they are often needing to cross state lines or get to urban centers to get the care they need."

According to the Guttmacher Institute, which tracks abortion policy from state to state, Idaho has a number of restrictions in place that make it harder for women to access abortions. Those include state-directed counseling designed to discourage women from having abortions, a 24-hour waiting period and, for minors, consent of a parent.

Oregon has none of those restrictions.

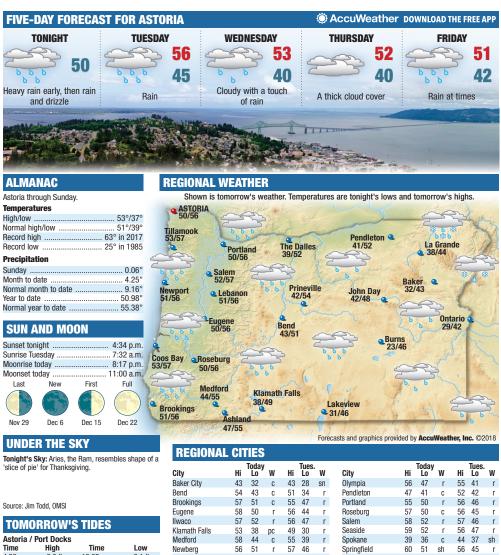
In some cases, women living near the Oregon border may find it closer or more convenient to drive across

state lines. That occurs in the Ashland area with women from northern California. The CDC did not provide data from California in the report.

Dempsey said a number of women fly from Alaska to Portland or Seattle to seek abortions.

In other cases, women may cross into Oregon to get certain types of abortions not available where they live. Women in Vancouver, Washington, can get abortions from a local Planned Parenthood clinic. They must travel to a clinic in Portland if they need a second-trimester abortion, which are not offered at the Vancouver clinic.

Oregon is one of only a handful of states that allow nurse practitioners to perform abortions. In 2006, the Oregon board of nursing was the first in the country to rule that aspiration abortion was within the scope of practice for family nurse practitioners.



Weather service declares high wind watch for North Coast

The Daily Astorian

A high wind watch is in effect for Oregon's North Coast today.

The watch, in effect through Tuesday morning, includes beaches and coastal headlands throughout Clatsop County and down the Oregon coast as far south as Florence. It also includes Long Beach,

Ocean Park. Naselle, Cathlamet and Cape Disappointment in Washington state.

The National Weather Service in Portland issued the alert Sunday. Wind gusts of 55 to 60 miles per hour are possible for beaches and coastal headlands, though winds are not expected to be as strong in the coastal communities. Winds are expected to increase later today with the strongest winds hitting this evening into early Tuesday morning.

Strong winds have the potential to blow down tree limbs, trees and power lines. Isolated power outages are possible. Drivers of high-profile vehicles should use caution, according to the weather service.

State to review proposed wetland rules on Wednesday in Astoria

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The Department of State Lands will be in Astoria on Wednesday to discuss proposed changes to how developers must mitigate the loss of wetlands and streams.

"Oregon's current requirements focus on replacing affected acres — an approach that studies show has led to a nationwide loss of the benefits that wetlands and waters provide," a news release from the state said. "Existing state law and new national standards require replacing benefits lost,

not only acres lost. The proposed changes will better align Oregon's mitigation approach with the national standard to improve outcomes for communities and the environment."

The proposed rules would change how the benefits provided by wetlands and waters are replaced when there are unavoidable impacts of development or other activities. The state developed the proposed rules with the help of a rulemaking advisory committee including representatives from the businesses and organizations most likely to be

affected by a new approach, as well as representatives of state and local governments.

The public hearing is scheduled for 4:30 to 6 p.m. in the Hampton Inn & Suites at 201 39th St. The proposed rules can be found at tinyurl. com/wetlandrules

Comments on the proposed rules will be accepted until 5 p.m. Dec. 7. Submit comments on the website, via email at rules@dsl.state.or.us, or by mail to: DSL Rules Coordinator, 775 Summer Street NE, Suite 100, Salem, Oregon 97301.

Outages planned for Cannon Beach

Evening work will take place beginning Tuesday

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Pacific Power plans to

replace transmission structures in the Cannon Beach area from Nov. 27-30. The work will be performed

at night and interrupt power for 2,800 Cannon Beach customers from 11 p.m. to 5 a.m., the company said.

Work will take place at the junction of U.S. Highways 101 and 26, as well as along Highway 101 south to Arch Cape. Hospitality operators should inform their guests of the outage. Street lights will be out and Pacific Power reminds anyone traveling in the area to be extra cautious.

Customers with questions about the planned outage should call Pacific Power at 888-221-7070.

Students invited to gaming design contest

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Middle and high school students are welcome to join a group forming local teams to compete in the Oregon Game Project Challenge, a video-game design contest. An informational meeting and "game-storming" is scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday in Room 209, Towler Hall,

Clatsop Community College, 1651 Lexington Ave.

The contest offers students a chance to get creative while learning computer code, game design, art, marketing, and more. Students will break into teams and spend the coming months designing, building, testing and redesigning their own video games. Teams will travel to

Western Oregon University on May 11 to compete in the main event.

No prior experience is necessary. The deadline for joining local teams is Dec. 12. For information about the statewide program, go to ogpc.info. For local information, email angelafearless@yahoo.com or follow at fb.me/clatsopogpc

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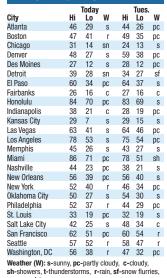
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