

Oregon fights Trump's order

One of 16 states to contest national emergency

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Oregon is one of 16 states behind a lawsuit in federal court against President Donald Trump's declaration of a national emergency, calling the president's decision to use executive power to fund a border wall unconstitutional.



Donald Trump

The complaint filed Monday in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California seeks to bar the administration from using emergency powers to divert money from other programs to a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border, marking the start of a legal battle anticipated by both the president and his opponents.

The lawsuit, spearheaded by California Attorney General Xavier Becerra, says that the Constitution gives Congress alone the power to control spending, not the president.

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said in a statement that the national emergency is for an improper political purpose.

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Lawmaker wants to lower the voting age

Legislation would allow 16-year-olds to vote

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There is an effort underway in Salem to change Oregon's legal voting age from 18 to 16 years old.

Portland-based Democratic state Sen. Shemia Fagan introduced a measure Monday to make Oregon the first state in the nation to do so.

"It's time to lower the voting age in Oregon and to give our young people a chance to participate in the ballot, about their decisions that affect their homes, their clean air, their future, their schools and as we've seen, their very lives," Fagan said.

The state senator pointed to the young activists who became engaged after the

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Janice and Larry Zagata look at one of the go-bags they give their guests at the Ocean Inn.

Manzanita hotel stocks every room with go-bags

Thinking of guests in a natural disaster

By **BRENNA VISSER**
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MANZANITA — Janice Zagata hopes her guests feel a little safer.

Earlier this year, the owner of the Ocean Inn in Manzanita stocked each room with go-bags for guests to take in a tsunami.

The waterfront hotel appears to be the first in the region to do so, said Linda Cook, the go-bag coordinator for the Emergency Volunteer Corps of Nehalem Bay.

"We can't even say how excited we are," she said.

Zagata became interested in go-bags after attending an emergency preparedness meeting a few years ago. She started to question what her role was in protecting guests who could be staying with her during a natural disaster.

"That's always been a weight on my shoulders," she said.

Zagata and her husband, Larry, started talking about what they could do to better prepare guests. After conversations with Cook and Tonquin Trading, an outdoor supply store that sells prepackaged go-bags, the couple decided to purchase go-bags for each of their 10 rooms.



The Ocean Inn appears to be the first hotel in the region to supply guests with go-bags.

Bags are filled with emergency supplies like blankets, water packets, food bars, light sticks, a basic first-aid kit and a map that details evacuation routes out of the tsunami inundation zone. At \$100 apiece, the move cost a little over \$1,000.

Zagata recognizes the financial reality of stocking rooms with go-bags is different for large hotels in comparison to her smaller inn, but said it's too important not to consider.

"It's a chunk of change, but in the

big picture, if it can save a life, it's worth it," she said.

Getting the hospitality industry involved with emergency preparedness has been a goal for local and state emergency managers for years. A few years ago, Manzanita required hotels and vacation rentals to provide evacuation maps in guest rooms to give people unfamiliar with the area a better chance at getting to safer ground.

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Marquis joins animal advocacy group

Former prosecutor named legal affairs director

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
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Josh Marquis, the former Clatsop County district attorney, has been hired as the director of legal affairs for Animal Wellness Action.

Marquis will help coordinate efforts by the national advocacy group to modernize state and federal laws against animal cruelty and promote enforcement.

He began taking an interest in prosecuting animal cruelty cases during his first job as a deputy district attorney in Lane County in 1981.

"I got made fun of," Marquis said. "I was called the dog deputy, because I thought these cases ought to be taken seriously."

Marquis, a self-described cat person, had animals as a child but did not own any between 14 and 39, he said, because he didn't feel he had a permanent home. But shortly after being named district attorney in Clatsop County in 1994, he went to a rescue shelter in Eugene and adopted two kittens he said would be his companions for 20 years.

During his time as the county's top prosecutor, Marquis tried numerous animal cruelty cases. One of his first was against Vikki Kittles, a woman



Josh Marquis

who hoarded as many as 117 dogs, two cats and a rooster in a school bus in Knappa.

After the case, Marquis joined other lawyers, politicians and activists to lobby for legislation that would upgrade a number of animal cruelty charges from misdemeanors to felonies. In 1995, the state adopted what is often referred to as the "Kittles Bill," becoming the 12th state in the country — now one of 46 — to add felony provisions.

"Josh Marquis has a unique mix of skills as a trial lawyer and a fierce public advocate, bringing special skills to the task of fortifying the legal framework against animal cru-

elty," Marty Irby, executive director of Animal Wellness Action, said in a news release. "Marquis' 35 years of commitment to fighting animal abuse and neglect will help create partnerships that cross traditional political and professional divides."

Marquis has served on the governing board of the Animal Legal Defense Fund and co-chaired the media relations committee for the National District Attorneys Association.

Oregon has made many strides in animal cruelty laws, Marquis said. He's hoping in his new position to move the needle nationally in terms of protection.

"(Animals are) more than a mere possession, and people need to take that more seriously," he said.

