

Bill aims to stop jail from taking detainees

Regional jail in The Dalles

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SALEM — A jail serving four counties in Oregon has been holding immigrants detained by federal authorities, leading to frequent protests outside the facility.

Now, in Oregon's deeply divided Legislature — with Republicans threatening a walkout over a bill to address global warming — a Democrat and a Republican have come together to sponsor legislation that would force the Northern Oregon Regional Correctional Facility to stop contracting with federal immigration officials to lock up immigrant detainees.

To make up for lost revenue, the state would pay the facility, known as NORCOR, located 80 miles east of Portland, \$1.6 million for a two-year period.

Rep. Daniel Bonham and Rep. Anna Williams have different motives, but worked on the bill together to achieve a common goal.

For Bonham, a Republican from the town of The Dalles, located along the Columbia River where the jail is located, his concern was that lawsuits against the prison could force it to give up its contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, putting the counties in a financial bind.

"I had a conversation here in this building with leadership about what could the state do, the state could step up with funds," Bonham said at the Capitol.

For Williams, a Democrat from Hood River, a town some 20 miles downriver from Bonham's home, she believes the jail's acceptance of detainees from ICE violates Oregon's sanctuary state policy.

A county judge last year ruled it doesn't, because NORCOR resources aren't being used to detect or arrest people. Oregon, in 1987, became America's first sanctuary state when it prohibited state and local law enforcement from using public resources to arrest or detain people whose only crime is being in the country illegally.

The ICE detainees usually are overflow from the agency's detention center in Tacoma, Washington. They are supposed to be at NORCOR only temporarily, but some have been locked up for long periods, including one for 13 of the last 15 months, Bonham said. He worries that could lead to a court putting an end to the contract which provides about 10% of the jail's operating budget, with no alternative to

make up the difference.

For Bonham, sanctuary state isn't an issue with the bill. However, representing an agricultural region that is dependent on immigrants, he said the federal government should establish a policy that allows workers to come and go freely, after being vetted.

"We've got a federalized weaponized border that says you can't come in or out, but we need that workforce," Bonham said. "Especially in Wasco County, our cherry orchards do not function without that migrant workforce."

Rights groups have denounced conditions in NORCOR. The American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon said in 2017, the year that several ICE detainees held a hunger strike, that the food is composed mainly of bread with little nutritional value and detainees must buy their own socks, which NORCOR denied. The Gorge ICE Resistance, a coalition of groups in the Columbia River Gorge, has staged frequent protests outside the jail.

Williams and Bonham knew each other outside the Legislature — Bonham goes to a church around the corner from Williams' house and she did social work in his hometown — and that helped them work together on the proposed legislation, said Williams, who was elected to the Oregon House in 2018.

"You have to develop the relationship to be able to trust each other enough to say, 'I'm going to support this bill because of my policy priorities and you're going to do it because of your policy priorities that don't overlap, but here's where we can work together,'" Williams.

The bill is also a way to underscore with the Legislature that many rural counties with a low tax base are struggling to fund jails and other facilities, Williams said.

They are "making these completely dubious contracts in order to fill the budget," Williams said. "And that's something, I think, that is the state Legislature's responsibility to be aware of and be responsive to."

Both lawmakers recognize the bill is not apt to pass the Legislature during this 2020 35-day short session, because of concerns about where additional funds would come from in two years, and because it might set a precedent for other counties to seek state funding for jails.

But Williams said their collaboration, in finding common ground even though policy priorities may differ, can be a model for a divided Legislature.

"That's the kind of stuff I think we really need to be focusing on," she said.

Trump unleashes impeachment fury in acquittal 'celebration'

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WASHINGTON — Exulting in his impeachment acquittal, a defiant President Donald Trump took a scorched-earth victory lap Thursday, unleashing his fury against those who tried to remove him from office and pointing ahead to his reelection campaign.

Triumphantly waving newspaper front pages that declared him "ACQUITTED," Trump denounced the impeachment proceedings as a "disgrace" and portrayed himself as a victim of political foes he labeled "scum," "sleaze bags" and "crooked" people. Hours earlier, he unleashed broadsides that stunned the crowd at an annual bipartisan prayer breakfast.

"It was evil, it was corrupt, it was dirty cops," Trump declared in a packed White House East Room, where he was surrounded by several hundred of his most loyal supporters. "This should never ever happen to another president, ever."

He conceded nothing in regard to charges that he improperly withheld a White House meeting and U.S. military aid in an effort to pressure Ukraine to investigate Democratic rival Joe Biden and other political matters.

"We went through hell, unfairly," he insisted. "Did nothing wrong."

His comments were a clear sign that, post-impeachment, Trump is emboldened like never before as he barrels ahead in his reelection fight with a united Republican Party behind him. And his remarks stood in stark contrast to the apology offered by President Bill Clinton when he faced the American people in the aftermath of his own impeachment acquittal in 1999.

In a brief Rose Garden address, Clinton was somber: "I want to say again to the American people how profoundly sorry I am for what I said and did to trigger these events and the great burden they have imposed on the Congress and on the American people."

The only contrition Trump offered was to his own family, apologizing "for having them go through a phony, rotten deal."

Trump had plenty else to say, however. Venting for more than an hour, he ticked off names of the "vicious and mean" people he felt had wronged him: House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff and former FBI Director James Comey. And he reveled in the verdict handed down by the GOP-controlled Senate Wednesday, saluting one-by-one in Oscar acceptance speech-fashion the "war-



Evan Vucci/AP Photo

President Donald Trump speaks in the East Room of the White House on Thursday.

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rior" GOP lawmakers who had backed him both in the Capitol and on television.

"Now we have that gorgeous word. I never thought it would sound so good," Trump said. "It's called 'total acquittal.'"

One person unmentioned: Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani, whose involvement with Ukraine helped drive Trump's push for investigations that led to his becoming just the third president in U.S. history to be impeached by the House.

Trump's remarks, delivered with the aid of scribbled notes but no teleprompter, served as a dramatic contrast to his State of the Union address

earlier this week. Standing before Congress Tuesday night, Trump hewed closely to his script and offered an optimistic message to the country with no mention of impeachment.

This time, his remarks were rambling and replete with profane language, comedic interludes and plenty of tangents and asides. He ribbed Ohio Rep. James Jordan, a college wrestling champion, for rarely wearing a suit jacket, saying, "He's obviously very proud of his body." And he delivered a dramatic reading of text messages between two of his favorite targets, former FBI agent Peter Strzok and lawyer Lisa Page, who

played a role in the special counsel's investigation of Russian interference to help Trump in the 2016 election.

"This is really not a press conference. It's not a speech. It's not anything," Trump remarked at one point. "It's a celebration."

He declared that the Republican Party had never been more unified and predicted momentum from the acquittal would carry him to reelection this November.

But he also predicted that he may have to fend off another impeachment challenge, perhaps for something as trivial as jaywalking.

"We'll probably have to do it again because these people have gone stone-cold crazy," the president said.

On Friday, Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, the decorated soldier and national security aide who played a central role in the Democrats' impeachment case against Trump, was escorted out of the White House complex, according to his lawyer, who said he was asked to leave in retaliation for "telling the truth."

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
48 33	50 34	50 36	49 36	50 36	49 36	48 37
Occasional rain	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny	A shower in places	Some sun	Cloudy	Showers possible



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Astoria through Thursday

Temperatures

High/low	51/49
Normal high/low	51/37
Record high	65 in 1954
Record low	20 in 2014

Precipitation

Thursday	0.53"
Month to date	4.10"
Normal month to date	1.61"
Year to date	22.24"
Normal year to date	11.81"

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UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Hydra, the water snake, is so big that it takes more than seven hours for the whole snake to rise.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:30 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:30 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:56 p.m.
Moonset today	7:27 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 8	Feb 15	Feb 23	Mar 2

TODAY'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High (ft.)	Time	Low (ft.)
	12:56 a.m.	7.5	6:22 a.m.	3.1
	12:03 p.m.	9.4	7:17 p.m.	-1.1
Cape Disappointment	12:32 a.m.	7.4	5:27 a.m.	-3.4
	11:39 a.m.	9.5	6:20 p.m.	-1.3
Hammond	12:43 a.m.	7.6	5:50 a.m.	3.1
	11:50 a.m.	9.7	6:40 p.m.	-1.4
Warrenton	12:51 a.m.	7.9	6:06 a.m.	3.2
	11:58 a.m.	9.8	7:01 p.m.	-1.0
Knappa	1:33 a.m.	7.8	7:23 a.m.	2.7
	12:40 p.m.	9.6	8:18 p.m.	-0.9
Depoe Bay	10:52 a.m.	9.8	4:56 a.m.	3.4
	none		5:51 p.m.	-1.5

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	53/35/pc	61/48/pc
Boston	34/19/s	36/33/s
Chicago	35/24/sf	36/25/sn
Dallas	61/53/s	71/41/c
Denver	48/20/pc	25/10/c
Honolulu	77/65/pc	77/62/s
Houston	73/59/sh	76/64/sh
Los Angeles	69/52/s	62/48/r
Miami	76/67/pc	79/70/pc
New York City	40/30/s	42/36/c
Phoenix	72/48/s	74/54/pc
San Francisco	59/46/s	62/48/s
Wash., DC	47/34/pc	51/43/pc
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.		

REGIONAL FORECAST

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Seattle 48/37	Wenatchee 47/28	Spokane 42/23
Tacoma 48/31	Moses Lake 51/26	Pullman 40/27
Aberdeen 48/33	Yakima 53/23	Kennewick 54/28
Olympia 47/31	Kennewick 54/28	Walla Walla 47/30
Longview 47/32	Hermiston 51/29	Lewiston 47/31
Astoria 48/33	Pendleton 45/29	Enterprise 35/25
Portland 49/34	La Grande 37/28	
Salem 48/32		
Albany 47/32		
Corvallis 48/32		
Eugene 48/32		
Bend 41/24		
John Day 36/28		
Burns 38/21		
Ontario 48/28		
Caldwell 44/27		
Medford 47/29		
Klamath Falls 39/21		

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sun. Hi/Lo/W
Baker City	40/25/sf	40/18/pc	North Bend	48/36/sh	53/37/s
Brookings	50/38/sh	57/43/s	Roseburg	47/32/sh	51/32/pc
Ilwaco	47/35/r	49/35/s	Seaside	47/33/r	50/33/s
Newberg	48/32/r	50/30/pc	Springfield	47/32/r	50/28/pc
Newport	48/35/r	50/36/s	Vancouver	47/34/r	50/31/pc