

IN BRIEF

Coast Guard's 13th District changes command

U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Melvin Bouboulis replaced Rear Adm. Anthony "Jack" Vogt as commander of the 13th District during a ceremony Thursday in Seattle.

"It has been an incredible privilege to serve as the 13th District commander for the past two years," Vogt said. "Throughout my tenure, I have endeavored to honor my oath, perform the mission, adhere to the Coast Guard core values and take care of the crews I have been trusted to lead.

"During what has been an extremely challenging time in our nation's history, I am extremely proud of our Coast Guard women and men for performing with excellence while saving lives, ensuring maritime security and protecting our beautiful Pacific Northwest environment."

Vogt retired after 35 years of service in the Coast Guard.

Bouboulis is the former director of operational logistics at headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The 13th District, based in Seattle, has sector offices for the Puget Sound, the Columbia River and North Bend.

County seeking applications for Human Services Advisory Council

Clatsop County is seeking applications for three open seats on the Human Services Advisory Council.

The council advises county commissioners on developmental disabilities, mental health and alcohol and drug abuse treatment services. The council meets the first Thursday of the month to identify needs, establish priorities, assist in selection of service providers, evaluate services and provide a link to the public through advocacy and education.

Two of the vacancies are for three-year terms ending Feb. 28, 2024, and one for a term ending Feb. 28, 2023.

Applications are due by 5 p.m. on July 28 and can be found on the county's website or at the County Manager's Office at 800 Exchange St., Suite 410, in Astoria. County commissioners will make the appointments.

Seaside Planning Commission chairman steps down

SEASIDE — Chris Hoth, the chairman of the Seaside Planning Commission, has announced he will step down.

"Chris has indicated that he feels after all the years of service that he's put in, it's time to step aside to allow someone else the honor and privilege of serving on the Planning Commission," Mayor Jay Barber said at last week's City Council meeting. "And so he has resigned immediately."

Hoth joined the Planning Commission in 2006.

"I appreciate the opportunity to have been able to participate in some aspect of the city's operations in this capacity," Hoth said in a letter to the City Council. "I also feel privileged to have been able to work closely with a hard-working and knowledgeable staff of the planning department who have been consistently helpful in guiding me through this process as well as current and former members of the Planning Commission."

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DEATHS

July 5, 2021

TANKSLEY, Bobbie A., 69, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

July 4, 2021

DAVIS, Darlene Kay, 73, of Vernonia, died in Vernonia. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIALS

Friday, July 9

BAY, JoAnne Hendrickson — Visitation from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave. Graveside service at 2 p.m., Greenwood Ceme-

tery, 91569 Oregon Highway 202.

Saturday, July 10

STEINMAN, Byron Mark — Memorial via Zoom at 3 p.m. Zoom ID is 503-812-2267, password is 1995

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, noon, work session, (electronic meeting).

Warrenton Marinas Advisory Committee, 2 p.m., 501 N.E. Harbor Place.

Clatsop Care Health District Board, 5 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Cannon Beach City Council, 6 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

WEDNESDAY

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, noon, work session for public works field trip.

Seaside Improvement Commission, 6 p.m., 989 Broadway.

Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., (electronic meeting).

THURSDAY

Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission, 5 p.m., 415 First Ave.

Gearhart Planning Commission, 6 p.m., (electronic meeting).

Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 6 p.m., 989 Broadway.

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RESCUE TRAINING



Seaside Fire & Rescue

Seaside, Gearhart and Cannon Beach fire agencies held joint rescue watercraft training in June.

Police reform advanced in Salem

Bills cover a range of issues

By PETER WONG
Oregon Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon lawmakers continue to build on the measures they passed a year ago to overhaul policing practices.

In the legislative session that ended in June, they passed more than a dozen bills, adding to what they did during a June 2020 special session Gov. Kate Brown called after the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. His murder by a now-former police officer triggered nationwide protests about police conduct toward racial and ethnic minorities.

Brown has signed several of the bills, and a few have taken effect already. She is expected to sign all of them.

Most of the bills originated from a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee focused on police.

The leader of the panel and the full committee is Rep. Janelle Bynum, a Democrat from Clackamas and a Black businesswoman who had an encounter with police in 2018 when someone reported her as a "suspicious person" while she was canvassing her district.

"We heard Oregonians when they said that the power of policing comes from community. This session, the community rebuilt policing," she said in a statement.

"We began with an ambitious agenda, and we finished strong. We also realize that our work is not yet done, and we intend on bringing forth more bills in the interim (2022) session. For now, I'm focused on seeing how communities, cities and counties will build locally. We've given them the keys, now it's time for them to drive."

Most bills passed on bipartisan votes in the state House and Senate, although dissenters were generally Republicans.

The top Republican is Rep. Ron Noble, a former McMinnville police chief, who also worked for Corvallis police. He also said the bills form the basis for real changes in police practices, but much work lies ahead for officers, police agencies and the state agency that oversees training of public safety personnel. Brown named a new director for outside the agency earlier this year.

Although lawmakers passed other bills aimed at changes in the criminal justice system, House Bill 2002 did not make it. Several of its advocates were from minority communities and mental health groups, which



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The Black Lives Matter movement has prompted lawmakers to take a closer look at police.

sought the bill to remove low-level interactions with police that have resulted in tragedies. They criticized legislative leaders for its failure.

"I'm so appreciative of the community-driven process that was behind the bill," House Speaker Tina Kotek, a Democrat from Portland who called its failure her biggest disappointment of the session, said. "The discussion will continue, and I look forward to working with the coalition to bring the bill back in next year's session."

Key funding from that bill did advance, including a \$10 million special-purpose appropriation for culturally specific justice reinvestment programs, \$4 million to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for restorative justice grants, \$1.5 million for the Reimagine Safety Fund and \$10 million for Senate Bill 620 to help local governments cushion the loss of fees that counties charge people who are in post-prison supervision.

Here is a list of some of the key policing bills passed during the session:

• **HB 2162:** Most police agencies are required to obtain accreditation, which means meeting standards set by an organization designated by the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training. For agencies with at least 100 officers, the deadline is July 1, 2025; for agencies with at least 35 officers, it's July 1, 2026.

The state public safety academy in Salem must conduct equity training for police.

Two public members are added to the Board on Public Safety Standards and Training, one each nominated by the House speaker and Senate president, and one public member is added to its police policy committee. One of the three must be from a historically underrepresented community.

• **HB 2481:** Police agencies cannot obtain specified military surplus equipment from the federal government: unmanned armored or weap-

onized aircraft, grenades and grenade launchers and firearms silencers. If other equipment purchases are approved, city councils and county boards must sign off on them.

• **HB 2513:** Officers must have training in airway anatomy and child and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Police must summon medical services, when "tactically feasible," if someone under restraint is having a medical emergency.

• **HB 2527:** The state agency will set standards for private-security employees, who will have to obtain state licenses. Some security providers for higher education are exempt.

• **HB 2575:** State grants from a \$960,000 fund can go to local agencies to develop local trauma training through the state agency. The program is intended to help police deal with people or groups experiencing trauma.

• **HB 2928:** Tear gas and nonlethal projectiles, such as rubber bullets, can be used for crowd control only if someone's conduct justifies police use of deadly physical force. Sound devices and strobe lights are banned. Police must evacuate injured people and allow access by emergency medical services. If police induce another agency to take actions barred by state law or court order, it is second-degree official misconduct, a Class C misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of 30 days in jail and a \$1,250 fine.

• **HB 2929:** Police must report misconduct by officers of violations of standards. Reports are to be filed with a direct supervisor, a higher-ranking officer in the chain of command or the state agency, which can forward a report to the local agency where it originated. Reports must be filed within 72 hours and investigations completed within three months. The state agency must receive reports when misconduct is substantiated.

• **HB 2930:** A new 15-member commission will develop statewide standards, instead of local, for police conduct and discipline. The new standards will prevail over collective bargaining between local agencies and police unions. A statewide standard of preponderance of evidence will guide decisions

by arbitrators in police misconduct cases.

• **HB 2932:** Agencies must report incidents to a national use-of-force database maintained by the FBI. The Oregon Criminal Justice Commission will analyze data and report to lawmakers on its findings.

• **HB 2936:** The state agency must investigate the backgrounds of officer candidates at the state public safety academy, aimed at whether they have prior participation in hate groups, racial supremacy organizations or militant groups. Local agencies must set standards for speech and expression by officers both in and outside the course of their employment, but cannot violate their constitutional rights.

• **HB 2986:** Officers are required to undergo training in identifying, investigating and reporting crimes motivated by bias, based on the perceived gender of the victim.

• **HB 3047:** Suits can be filed against people who release personal information with the intent of stalking, harassing or injuring someone, a practice known as "doxxing."

• **HB 3059:** Police authority to declare unlawful assemblies is modified.

• **HB 3145:** Officer discipline when an agency imposes an economic sanction must be reported within 10 days to the state agency, which already maintains a database of officers whose certifications have been suspended or revoked. These reports would be added to the database.

• **HB 3164:** State law is changed to align with Oregon Supreme Court decisions about when someone is arrested for interfering with police. Arrests must be based on whether someone knowingly or intentionally interferes with police, so police cannot arrest people based on noncriminal behavior.

• **HB 3273:** Police are restricted in their release of booking photos and how they can be used publicly.

• **HB 3355:** Identification is specified for police assigned to work crowd control in cities over 60,000, either a name or number on a uniform and something that signifies the officer's agency, such as "police" or "sheriff." It also specifies how the public can obtain that information. The requirement does not apply to Oregon State Police, or to officers in undercover operations.

• **Senate Bill 204:** Civilian oversight boards can have access to the Law Enforcement Data System.

• **SB 621:** This bill will stand the civilian oversight board for police that Portland voters approved in 2020. Future ballot measures in other cities are covered by the bill.

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