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The Garlington Center in Portland.

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## Lawmakers approve forest accord

Agreement between timber and environmental interests

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*Capital Press*

SALEM — State lawmakers have voted overwhelmingly in favor of new logging standards negotiated by timber and environmental groups under the Private Forest Accord compromise.

Senate Bill 1501, which enshrines the deal into law, was approved by the state House on Thursday in a 43-15 vote. The Senate on Wednesday voted 22 to 5 for the legislation.

Representatives of timber and environmental groups struck the deal last year after a year of talks mediated by the office of Gov. Kate Brown, who convened the panel in 2020 to avoid competing ballot measures on forestry regulations.

“Thank you to legislators from both parties for coming together to pass this historic legislative package,” Brown said in a statement. “The Private Forest Accord is a perfect example of the Oregon Way — Oregonians coming together to find common ground, to the mutual benefit of us all.”

“Together, this agreement will help to ensure that Oregon continues to have healthy forests, fish and wildlife, as well as economic growth for our forest industry and rural communities, for generations to come. I would like to thank everyone involved for their role in making this agreement a reality today.”

The 44-page bill would expand no-harvest buffers around streams, implement stricter requirements for road-building,

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## Housing project at Heritage Square modeled after similar campus in Portland

Garlington Center includes health center and affordable apartments

By NICOLE BALES  
*The Astorian*

PORTLAND — Over the next several weeks, Astoria will collaborate with Edlen & Co. to refine a proposed workforce housing project at Heritage Square.

The Portland-based developer envisions a building downtown that combines units for lower-wage workers with supportive housing for people in treatment for mental health and substance abuse and at risk of homelessness.

While there has been a lot of scrutiny about the concept, particularly the mental health component, the idea is not new or untested.

Amy Baker, the executive director of Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare, which is partnering with Edlen & Co. on the project, said people do not need to look far to find similar developments.

“I think that if you look at other programs around the state — or even Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare programs — you’ll see that folks who are housed are stable,” Baker told *The Astorian* in January. “You just have to look to other communities to see that it’s actually worked.”

The concept at Heritage Square is based, in part, on Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare’s Garlington Center campus in Portland.

The campus includes two buildings that sit on a block on N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and back into a quiet residential neighborhood



The Garlington Center in Portland opened in 2018.

in the Albina area.

One of the buildings houses the Garlington Health Center, which provides integrated health care services, such as mental health and substance abuse treatment, primary care and wellness programs. The building also has a pharmacy, community rooms and showers, washers and dryers for people who are homeless.

Next to the health center is Garlington Place, a 52-unit affordable housing apartment building that serves Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare clients, for-

merly homeless veterans and people who qualify for the city’s North and Northeast preference policy, which gives priority to people with ties to the historically Black neighborhoods.

Residents also have access to a part-time resident services coordinator and an on-site property manager.

The health center and apartment building opened in 2018. The housing units were fully leased and occupied within a month.

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## Job training package advances in Salem

A \$200M state investment

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*Oregon Capital Bureau*

Gov. Kate Brown has praised legislative approval of her \$200 million job training plan known as Future Ready Oregon.

The plan in Senate Bill 1545 focuses on future jobs in health care, construction and manufacturing, along with training for people who often have been left behind in past economic recoveries.

It was developed by the governor’s Racial Justice Council — which Brown formed in the aftermath of the 2020 national protests following the murder of George Floyd by Minneapolis police — plus business interests, regional workforce development panels and others.

“Now, it’s time to roll up our sleeves and get to work to build a skilled and diverse workforce,” Brown said in a statement after the state House passed it on a 48-10 vote Thursday.

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## ‘An amazing show of community love’

Trail improved at Deadman’s Cove

By PATRICK WEBB  
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CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT, Wash. — Hikers are celebrating

significant safety enhancements to the trail down to Deadman’s Cove in Ilwaco.

The improvements to the route to the scenic inlet in the basalt cliffs at Washington state’s southwestern tip are thanks to Jon and Sara Swanson and their two sons, Blaine, 12, and Blake, 9.

“The Swanson family is much appreciated for improving our stairs down Deadman’s Cave to watch the beautiful sunsets for many nights to come,” shared

Keowah Iyall on the Long Beach Peninsula Friends of Facebook page. “They have already put in over 100 hours of their own time.”

Deborah Bergren Mather labeled it, “an amazing show of community love.”

Nellie Hux, one of the site’s most talented photographers, added her thanks. “It’s too pretty a place to keep closed,” she posted, with yet another stellar scenic photo.

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Nellie Hux

Deadman's Cove in Ilwaco is newly accessible after a yearlong safety closure.



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