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Legislative Highs and Lows

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es, chief executive officer and tural competency training for all president for Northwest Permanente, said that the bill represents an investment in Oregon's future economic health.

"When kids are covered, there's an immediate and long-term return on investment," Dacones said. "They tend to have higher incomes and surpass their families' incomes, so as adults they pay more taxes."

House Bill 2355 is also headed to the governor's desk. The measure, which is known as Fair Shot for All, will require law enforcement agencies across the state to begin collecting demographic data from officer-initiated traffic and pedestrian stops. The data will be analyzed by the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission, which will then make recommendations based on their findings to the for tobacco sales was also raised governor and relevant legislative from 18 to 21.

councils. state and local law enforcement officers.

Oregon also joined a number of states that allow judges to remove ing labor unions, the Community firearms from individuals who are exhibiting warning signs that pose a danger to themselves or others. A law that would require that all of the state's grand jury proceedings be recorded is also awaiting Brown's signature. The bill passed in the wake of the police shooting of unarmed black teenager Quanice Hayes of Portland, who died in February. A grand jury opted not to criminally charge the officer involved in Hayes' death.

The session, which ended three days before its constitutionally mandated deadline of July 10, also saw the passage of a landmark transportation package. The age

The Legislature failed to act, The measure also requires cul- however, on creating protections for the state's roughly 594,000 renting households. Stable Homes for Oregon Families is a diverse coalition of stakeholders, includ-Alliance of Tenants, the Asian-Pacific American Network of Oregon and OPAL Environmental Justice.

In a statement, the coalition said that the Legislature's failure to pass House Bill 2004, which would have lifted the statewide ban on rent control in its original form, represented a "failure of leadership."

Despite the lack of renter protections, a Multnomah County Circuit Court judge did rule on Friday that Portland's emergency ordinance requiring landlords to pay tenants' relocation fees in certain circumstances is indeed legal, and does not violate the statewide ban on rent control.



A Matter of Life and Death

Medical issues relating to complex genes and donor matches in blood cancer patients are a special dilemma for multiracial people. Emmy-nominated director Jeff Chiba Stearns explores the meaning of race in medicine in the documentary "Mixed Match," an important human story in which race is no longer just about identity, it is a matter of life and death. Screens on Wednesday, July 19 at 7 p.m. at the NW Film Center at the Portland Art Museum.

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