

Bill banning e-cigarette sale to minors moves to Senate

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — Sales of e-cigarettes to teenagers would be banned, and use of e-cigarettes would be banned in most indoor settings, under a bill that has cleared the Oregon House.

A 56-2 vote Monday sent House Bill 2546 to the Senate.

The bill would ban sales of e-cigarettes — under the bill, they are known as “inhalant delivery systems” — to those younger than 18, similar to an existing ban of sales of regular cigarettes and other tobacco products to minors.

E-cigarettes do not contain tobacco. They are battery-powered devices that create a vapor mix from liquid nicotine, flavorings and other chemicals, which are inhaled.

“Children are highly susceptible to the dangers of nicotine,” said Rep. Kathleen Taylor, D-Milwaukie, the bill’s floor manager and one of its chief sponsors. “We’ve been successful in decreasing the rate of tobacco use among youth, but teen use of e-cigarettes has risen and will continue to rise, threatening that success.”

Rep. Bill Kenemer, R-Oregon

City, said the devices prep teens to become smokers.

Oregon is one of just nine states that do not ban sales of e-cigarettes to minors, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

The bill also would bar use of e-cigarettes by adults where smoking is already banned under the Oregon Indoor Clean Air Act, which was extended to bars and taverns in 2009.

Some representatives raised questions about providing an exemption for shops where vaporizing devices are sold. They also say they do not want to discourage use of e-cigarettes by adults who seek to quit smoking.

“I don’t want kids to buy it or have access to it,” Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer, said. “On the other hand, I don’t want to classify it as a cigarette if it’s a way to get people off cigarettes.”

The bill also allows for specified facilities to allow use of vaporizers by medical-marijuana patients, who hold state cards. Those vaporizers differ from e-cigarettes.

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A bill approved March 2 by the Oregon House would ban the sale of e-cigarettes to minors.

Oil-by-rail continues sharp rise

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The (Vancouver) Columbian

Proposed oil-by-rail facilities and refinery expansions in Washington would be enough to bring nearly 10 oil trains rolling into the state every day by 2020, according to a report from the state Department of Ecology.

That’s far more than the two to three trains daily that pass through many counties now. In response to a federal order, railroads last year reported that as many as 19 oil trains per week traverse some parts of the state en route to existing facilities. If a slew of new proposals is permitted and fully built during the next few years, that number could soar to 137 or more trains per week, according to the Ecology report.

The detailed report, released Monday, offers the clearest picture yet of how — and how much — oil moves through Washington in a changing energy landscape. The report comes as state lawmakers in Olympia consider new regulations aimed at improving safety in the wake of several high-profile train derailments and explosions involving crude oil.

“When I’m talking to people around the state, one issue people always ask me about is what we’re going to do to protect our state from the dangers of transporting crude oil,” Gov. Jay Inslee said in a released statement. “Increasing numbers of oil trains are coming through Washington and this is our opportunity to take reasonable and necessary steps to improve public safety. This is a high priority for Washingtonians, and for me.”

Nationwide, the transport of crude oil by rail has continued its rapid growth, reaching an 464 million barrels in 2014 — up from about 303 million barrels in 2013, according to the report.

Corrections

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BRIEFLY

U of O opens mass vaccination clinic

EUGENE (AP) — The University of Oregon is opening a mass vaccination clinic Monday at Matthew Knight Arena in the campaign against a blood stream infection that can cause a form of meningitis, called meningococemia.

So far, nearly 3,000 students have received the vaccine. The university hopes to inoculate thousands more this week in a partnership with Lane County Public Health.

The disease is believed to be responsible for the death of one student and for making three other students seriously ill this winter.

KEZI reports university staff and volunteers will sign up students for health insurance and some uninsured students will get free vaccine that was donated.

Cat hoarder on five-year pet probation

VALE (AP) — The owner of a van filled with 68 cats that were malnourished and had only three litter boxes among them has been sentenced in Eastern Oregon to five



AP Photo/The Register-Guard, Brian Davies

Pharmacist Jenna Wright administers the Meningitis B vaccine to University of Oregon freshman Drew Russert during a mass vaccination clinic at Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene on Monday. The Meningitis B vaccine helps protect against the meningococemia disease that has been diagnosed in four University of Oregon students, resulting in the death of one of those students.

years of probation. For 52-year-old Cynthia Allen, that also means five years of no cats or other animals.

The Ontario Argus Observer reports she was sentenced last week. She pleaded guilty in January.

When authorities responded to a complaint about her van in November, they found a brutal stench, five cat corpses and some cats that had lost one or both eyes.

Of the 68 survivors, 26 have been adopted and 42 are in shelters

in Idaho and Oregon.

Allen was ordered to get a mental health evaluation and pay \$11,500 in restitution. Shelter organizers said that won’t cover their costs.

Senate passes bill to ban pot vending machines

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — The Washington state Senate has passed a bill to forbid selling marijuana through a drive-through window or in a vending machine.

In a 47-0 vote Monday, Senators voted to add the new restriction to the state’s legalized trade in recreational marijuana, which is restricted to sales in state-licensed stores. Sen. Barbara Bailey, R-Oak Harbor, said the bill would keep marijuana-laced edible products from being supplied in parks, football games and in coffee shop drive-through windows.

Senators also voted 45-3 to create a marijuana research license so the drug’s effects can be legally studied by researchers working with the University of Washington and Washington State University.

Both bills will next move to the state House for consideration.

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cold with plenty of sunshine	Plenty of sunshine	Partly sunny	Sunny to partly cloudy	Plenty of sun

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

41° 21° 50° 26° 56° 33° 59° 30° 60° 34°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

45° 16° 52° 22° 58° 30° 61° 28° 64° 32°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	46°	28°
Normals	51°	32°
Records	69° (1931)	2° (1896)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.07"
Year to date 1.55"
Last year to date 2.58"
Normal year to date 2.58"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	50°	24°
Normals	53°	31°
Records	73° (1936)	10° (1993)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.07"
Year to date 1.06"
Last year to date 1.86"
Normal year to date 2.31"

SUN AND MOON

	Full	Last	New	First
Sunrise today	6:31 a.m.			
Sunset tonight	5:44 p.m.			
Moonrise today	4:10 p.m.			
Moonset today	5:18 a.m.			

REGIONAL FORECAST

Location	Forecast
Coastal Oregon	Plenty of sunshine today. A moonlit sky tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.
Eastern Washington	Plenty of sunshine today. A moonlit sky tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.
Eastern and Central Oregon	Plenty of sun today; cold. Clear and cold tonight.
Western Washington	Plenty of sunshine today. Clear and moonlit tonight.
Northern California	Plenty of sun today. Clear tonight; cold. Plenty of sun tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	54	31	s	55	36	s
Baker City	39	11	s	47	16	s
Bend	40	16	s	52	19	s
Brookings	58	39	s	59	42	s
Burns	40	12	s	47	17	s
Enterprise	39	18	s	47	20	s
Eugene	53	28	s	56	30	s
Heppner	42	14	s	50	21	s
Hermiston	45	16	s	52	22	s
John Day	40	16	s	49	18	s
Klamath Falls	48	16	s	53	20	s
La Grande	41	15	s	49	18	s
Meacham	33	8	s	46	16	s
Medford	59	28	s	62	31	s
Newport	54	33	s	55	37	s
North Bend	56	36	s	58	38	s
Ontario	48	21	s	50	25	s
Pasco	48	18	s	53	22	s
Pendleton	41	21	s	50	26	s
Portland	55	31	s	56	33	s
Redmond	42	13	s	52	19	s
Salem	55	29	s	57	32	s
Spokane	37	18	s	42	22	s
Ukiah	39	9	s	49	16	s
Vancouver	55	28	s	56	31	s
Walla Walla	44	25	s	51	30	s
Yakima	47	19	s	52	23	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	39	23	s	41	22	s
Hong Kong	60	57	sh	70	67	c
Jerusalem	57	41	s	52	44	pc
London	46	37	pc	49	33	pc
Mexico City	78	50	s	80	50	s
Moscow	36	31	c	35	31	sn
Paris	50	34	c	47	33	pc
Rome	63	45	pc	61	47	sh
Seoul	40	22	sn	36	22	s
Sydney	83	69	s	83	68	pc
Tokyo	46	42	c	60	39	r

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	N 3-6	ENE 2-4
Pendleton	NW 4-8	NNE 3-6

UV INDEX TODAY

Time	UV Index
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.	1
Noon - 2 p.m.	2
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.	3
0-2, Low	3-5, Moderate
6-7, High	8-10, Very High
11+, Extreme	

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary:

A wedge of warm air will be accompanied by rain and thunderstorms from Texas to the Ohio Valley today. Snow will fall from Wyoming and Colorado to northern Michigan. Rain showers will dot the Southwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes:

(for the 48 contiguous states)
High 86° in Okeechobee, Fla. **Low** -15° in International Falls, Minn.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	54	29	sh	46	21	sh
Atlanta	60	57	sh	73	42	r
Atlanta City	39	37	sn	46	34	r
Baltimore	34	33	i	47	32	r
Billings	19	4	c	30	17	pc
Birmingham	73	62	c	74	34	r
Boise	44	23	s	46	25	s
Boston	30	28	s	44	29	r
Charleston, SC	60	57	sh	75	61	c
Charleston, WV	52	48	r	52	24	pc
Chicago	39	14	sn	19	-2	pc
Cleveland	41	31	sn	32	9	c
Dallas	62	46	c	47	25	i
Denver	24	4	sn	19	7	pc
Detroit	39	29	sn	32	7	pc
El Paso	62	41	sh	58	30	c
Fairbanks	30	19	sf	36	19	sf
Fargo	19	-7	c	5	-11	pc
Honolulu	81	70	pc	79	69	sh
Houston	77	63	c	73	35	t
Indianapolis	44	27	i	29	6	sn
Jacksonville	75	61	c	82	60	pc
Kansas City	47	16	r	29	11	c
Las Vegas	59	41	s	59	40	s
Little Rock	64	47	sh	47	21	i
Los Angeles	66	48	pc	71	50	s
Louisville	58	41	r	42	17	r
Memphis	64	51	sh	53	21	i
Miami	82	71	pc	84	72	s
Millwaukee	37	10	sn	16	-1	pc
Minneapolis	29	-2	sn	8	-8	pc
Nashville	64	55	sh	56	19	sn
New Orleans	77	64	pc	81	46	r
New York City	34	33	sn	45	31	r
Oklahoma City	60	24	c	30	17	sn
Omaha	37	12	i	25	5	s
Philadelphia	35	33	sn	45	33	r
Phoenix	65	49	pc	69	47	s
Portland, ME	29	26	s	45		