

# COLLEGE: Bill caps Oregon Promise at \$10M for 2016-17 year

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reimbursement from the state rather than simply waiving tuition. The state would have latitude to first allocate money to low-income students rather than “throwing the door open to all-comers,” Preus said.

Senate Bill 418 also authorized almost \$7 million to ensure success and improve college readiness.

The bill, expected to be signed by Governor Kate Brown, caps Oregon Promise at \$10 million for the inaugural (2016-17) year.

Hass said his bill was met with early skepticism that slowly melted away as he lobbied his colleagues face to face. The bill passed the Senate with 28 ayes, one nay and one excused. In the House, the bill passed 48-12. Rep. Greg Barreto (R-Cove) was the only one from the Northeast Oregon contingent to vote against Oregon Promise. He was unavailable for comment Monday.

“I wouldn’t even call it bipartisan,” Hass said of support for the program. “I’d call it nonpartisan.”

He said more fellow Democrats resisted than Republicans, wanting the bill to do more. Hass urged patience.

“This won’t eliminate poverty. It won’t solve world hunger,” he said. “It’s one step forward in education. It’s a no-frills plan. We’re flying coach.”

Preus said interest is already ramping up.

“Tennessee saw an immediate increase in FAFSA filings,” Preus said.

Oregon might gain some insight being back on Tennessee’s shoulder.

“Sometimes when you’re on the cutting edge, you’re on the bleeding edge because you haven’t figured everything out yet,” she said.

When classes start in the fall of 2016, the BMCC might experience a big influx. The average student age of around 30 could take a dip. The Higher Education Coordination Commission expects 4,000-to-6,000 high school grads to enroll at the state’s 17 community colleges, but no one really knows for sure at this point.

“By fall of 2016, we’ll have a better idea,” Preus said.

Hass said the Governor will likely sign the bill Friday at Columbia Gorge Community College in Hood River.

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# Girl who survived plane crash found by motorist

SEATTLE (AP) — A teenage girl who survived a small-plane crash in the craggy, thickly forested mountains of north-central Washington state emerged from the wilderness after hiking “for a couple of days” and was picked up by a motorist who drove her to safety, authorities said Monday. But the fate of her two step-grandparents, who were also on board, remained unclear.

Family members alerted authorities after the Beech A-35 failed to complete its flight from Kalispell, Montana, to Lynden, Washington, on Saturday afternoon. Rescuers narrowed down a search area based on cellphone data and typical flight patterns. But there was no sign of the aircraft or its occupants until Autumn Veatch, 16, followed a trail to state Route 20, near the east entrance to North Cascades National Park.

A motorist picked her

up Monday afternoon and drove her 30 miles east to a general store in Mazama, where employees called 911. The Aero Methow Rescue Service sent a paramedic team to check her out before she was taken to a hospital in Brewster for treatment of what appeared to be minor injuries, said Cindy Button, director of services at the organization.

“Our initial information is she sustained no life-threatening injuries and is somewhat dehydrated due to being out in the elements,” said Scott Graham, CEO of Three Rivers Hospital.

Okanogan County Sheriff Frank Rogers said Monday afternoon that the girl had been “walking for a couple of days.” He declined to comment on the status of the other two people aboard the plane.

Serena Lockwood, the manager at the Mazama Store, said the girl and a motorist came in Monday

afternoon, saying she had been in a plane crash.

“She was obviously pretty traumatized,” Lockwood said.

Rescuers celebrated Veatch’s survival, but they immediately returned their focus to finding the wreckage, aided by Veatch’s description of the crash site, said Lt. Col. Jeffrey Lustick of the Civil Air Patrol. Lustick said he could not confirm any details about the condition of the grandparents, Leland and Sharon Bowman of Marion, Montana.

“We’re so happy about this,” Lustick said. “I’ve spent 30 years in the Civil Air Patrol and in search-and-rescue. Moments of joy like this can be hard to find.”

Lustick said he had spoken with Veatch’s father, who said his daughter told him the plane crashed and caught fire after flying into a bank of clouds. She remained at the crash site for a day before deciding to hike

down, eventually finding a trail and following it to the trailhead on Highway 20.

Five aircraft equipped with special radios for detecting the missing plane’s emergency-locator transmitter searched the mountains Monday, while ground crews focused on areas between Mazama and Rainy Pass, officials said. The planes halted their search for the night by 8 p.m. while a couple of Navy helicopters from the Whidbey Island Naval Air Station continued to sweep the area, said Barbara LaBoe, a state Transportation Department spokeswoman.

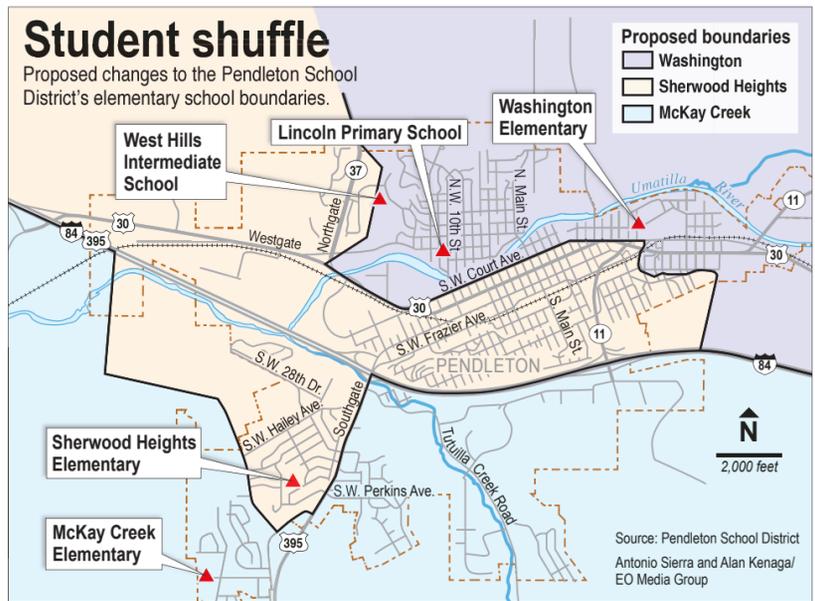
The crashed plane crossed the Idaho-Washington border about 2:20 p.m. PDT Saturday, but it dropped off the radar near Omak, Washington, about an hour later, transportation officials said. The last phone signal from one of the plane’s occupants was detected around 3:50 p.m.

# BOUNDARIES: Some children will have to travel farther to school within boundary when another is closer

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Hollie Chay, 38, a teacher at Sherwood Heights Elementary School, came to Monday’s meeting as a parent and community member to voice concern over the changes. She worried about children who will have to travel farther to one school within their boundary when another is closer to them. “It just doesn’t make sense. Why would they walk to one school when they get to middle school, but yet for elementary school they’re bused all the way across town?” she asked.

Peterson acknowledged why such variations in borders may cause unease. “The problem with boundary changes is that no matter where you draw the line, you’re going to have certain neighborhoods that feel as if they’ve been kind of singled out to travel a further distance to one school or another,” he said. “No matter how you draw the line, it works out



that way.” Though the committee passed the changes, school board member Dave Krumben pushed to reserve the right to revisit aspects of the

map particularly pertaining to railroad track crossings, though he said passing the map now was important to give people a sense of “finality.”

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# TAXI: Will still look at nature of the crime and other factors

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Primmer were against the idea of amending the ordinance.

“You want the public to feel safe, not like there is going to be a felon behind the wheel,” Smith said.

City attorney Gary Luisi said the ordinance didn’t mean that a rapist who was convicted 10 years and one day ago would be granted a license. The police chief would still look at the nature of the crime and other factors, at which point he “may” grant the license.

“The operative word is may, not shall,” Luisi said.

Councilor Jackie Myers said she thought the city should be able to trust the police chief and city manager to make the right decision about whether a person was a danger to public safety.

The council tabled adoption of the amendment until its July 27 meeting, however, after Luisi said he would need to do more research before being able to answer whether a conviction that was expunged from an applicant’s record would count against them when applying for a taxi license.

On Monday the council also approved a noise ordinance waiver for July 23 and 24. The waiver will

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— Doug Smith, city council member

allow contractors to work on a slurry seal down Highland Avenue from approximately 9 p.m. to 3 a.m.

The road re-surfacing project will stretch from West 11th Street to East 8th Street.

Street superintendent Ron Sivey said the noise generated by the project would be “probably a little louder than a (street) sweeper.” However, he said individual residences wouldn’t be affected all night long because the crew would be moving down the road as the night progressed.

He said the slurry needs four hours to dry before cars can drive on it, so doing the work in the middle of the night would be much less disruptive to traffic. The lower temperatures would also increase the quality of the seal.

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# REQUA: Site change could have jeopardized the whole project

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ceremony because he was recently admitted to the hospital with breathing problems.

Troutdale sculptor Rip Caswell said Kearney was also instrumental in helping to depict Requa, who didn’t have too many pictures that showed his face in full profile.

Caswell said Kearney once traveled to his studio and said the sculptor hadn’t gotten Requa’s “unique nose” quite right.

“I literally found a knife and took a big chunk out and he said, ‘Now you’ve got it,’” Caswell said.

The placement of the Requa statue has endured a great amount of flak from those who feel it would look better at the high school or the Round-Up Grounds.

Linebacker’s president Mike Temple said the club considered the other locations before settling on Brownfield Park, which was approved by the Pendleton City Council early last year.

By the time residents started coming forward to oppose the location, Temple said the club was already deep into their fundraiser

and a site change could have jeopardized the whole project.

Despite the contentiousness, the unveiling ceremony went on without a hitch, with Temple presenting donation papers to councilwoman Jane Hill, who accepted it on behalf of the city.

Included with the statue is electric lighting and two plaques, one that includes a list of donors and the other a biography. A security camera will be installed within a month.

Temple said the club ultimately raised \$102,000, \$25,000 over their goal. The surplus will go to its scholarship fund, which is awarded to a senior high school football player each year.

B.J. Kemp, Requa’s granddaughter, helped unveil the statue.

Since Requa died when she was four, the Eugene resident said she had no real memories of her grandfather, although she imagines he would be happy with the bronze.

“It definitely makes his family proud,” Kemp said.

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	2:30pm	Slack — Arena
	3:00pm	Traditional Indian Dance Contest — Encampment Pavilion
		PRCA RODEO — Harley Tucker Memorial Arena
	7:00pm	All Teen Dance — Joseph Community Center
	9:00pm	Music and Dancing at Thunder Room
	9:00pm	Cowboy Breakfast — Rodeo Grounds — Until 3am
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