

# Brown forms working group on college violence

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown is forming a work group to examine ways colleges and universities can prevent and respond to mass shootings.

The work group came out of concerns about higher education institutions' preparedness for violent attacks in the wake of a mass shooting at Roseburg's Umpqua Community College, Brown said. The shooting was the deadliest in the state's history.

The governor met behind closed doors Wednesday with presidents of more than 40 public and private universities and colleges to hold a debriefing on response and recovery efforts at UCC and discuss how lessons from that tragedy could inform future emergency planning.

"One of the reasons for bringing this group together today is I wanted their input and to hear their concerns before putting together the work group," Brown said after the meeting Wednesday.

The group's charge is to find ways for postsecondary institutions to pool resources and swap best practices for

violence prevention and response.

Some institutions such as the University of Oregon have sophisticated emergency response teams to coordinate with emergency responders, counselors and media. Smaller institutions have fewer resources to pull that off, said Corban University President Sheldon Nord, who attended Wednesday's gathering.

"It was really clear we have this really talented and really skilled incident response team at the U of O so one of the conversations is we can't afford to replicate that incredible unit at every single campus so how do we ensure that incident response team is available on any college or university campus should this type of gun violence occur?" Brown said.

"I was really heartened by this idea of pooling our resources so we can have teams in place to help administrators, faculty, staff and students feel safe and have a plan going forward," Nord said.

The governor plans to select the work group in the next few weeks.

Don't expect proposals from the group in time for the 2016 legislative session in February. Brown said the work group is a longer-term project

that may result in recommendations for the 2017 session.

Oregon already has a Task Force on School Safety, established by the Legislature in 2014, to research best practices to prevent mass shootings and respond more efficiently to the state's K-12 campuses.

Brown said a separate work group will help address concerns and characteristics specific to higher education institutions.

School safety task force members recently unveiled their recommendations for 2016. They are asking lawmakers to fund a statewide tip line, where callers may anonymously report potential threats, suicidal behavior and instances of bullying.

Another priority is to create eight regional threat assessment teams to identify students who may be at risk of committing violence and give them additional supervision, mental health services or other support.

Task force leaders also want to develop a statewide database of school floor plans but agreed last month to list that as a lower priority than the tip line and threat assessment teams due to limited state resources.

## BRIEFLY

### More than 90,000 customers remain without power

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — More than 90,000 customers remain without power after major storms that killed three people struck the Northwest earlier this week.

About 64,000 of those customers are served by Avista Corp. in Spokane County. The Spokane region was hit with a major wind storm on Tuesday, with winds topping 70 mph. The winds caused widespread damage in the region. Schools in Spokane have been closed since the storm hit.

About 4,600 Avista customers are without power in adjacent Kootenai County, Idaho.

The Snohomish County Public Utility District, which serves that county north of Seattle, reported about 20,000 customers still without power on Friday.

Also, about 1,200 customers of Puget Sound Energy, which serves the Puget Sound region, remained without power on Friday.

### Hanford radiation spread by storm

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — Hanford workers are searching for radioactive contamination after a Tuesday windstorm spread some radioactive particles from a waste

burial ground.

The *Tri-City Herald* says some waste trenches north of Richland had been dug up to retrieve radioactive material buried near Route 4, a main road across Hanford.

The closest contamination to the public road was on a speck of sand found about 40 feet off the highway. That's according to Peter Bengtson, spokesman for Washington Closure Hanford. He says several other specks were found, but they were closer to the burial ground.

Bengtson says the radiation levels do not pose a risk to the public or the workers cleaning it up.

Hanford for decades made plutonium for nuclear weapons and now contains the nation's largest collection of nuclear waste.

### Gov. Kate Brown's chief of staff resigns

PORTLAND (AP) — Gov. Kate Brown's chief of staff has resigned after nine months on the job.

A statement from the governor's office says Brian Shipley stepped down Friday at 10 a.m. The governor says her new chief of staff is Kristen Leonard, public affairs director for the Port of Portland.

The reason for Shipley's departure was not immediately available, but Brown thanked him for his dedication and hard work.

The switch comes shortly after

Brown asked for a review of why flawed estimates of pollution reduction were used during negotiations for a big transportation package that collapsed in June.

### Firewood season ends Nov. 30 on Umatilla

PENDLETON — The Umatilla National Forest will end personal-use firewood cutting for the year on Monday, Nov. 30. Firewood permits will not be available again until May.

Until then, firewood cutters should be extra careful this late in the fall as road and soil conditions become increasingly slick, soggy and saturated, making it more likely they can get stuck in the snow or mud and cause damage to the land.

Firewood cutters should also be aware of misidentifying live or dead western larch, which is the only cone-bearing tree in the western U.S. to shed its needles in the fall. Tips on identifying larch are located in the guides that come with each permit.

Firewood permits can be bought at any forest office or participating local businesses. Permits cost \$5 per cord, with a minimum purchase of four cords for \$20. The maximum purchase is 12 cords per household each calendar year.

For more information, call the Umatilla National Forest at 541-278-3716 or visit [www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla](http://www.fs.usda.gov/umatilla).

# Alaska regulators are 1st to OK marijuana use at pot shops

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JUNEAU, Alaska — The board tasked with writing rules for Alaska's recreational marijuana industry voted Friday to allow for people to use pot at certain stores that will sell it, a first among the four states that have legalized the drug.

The 3-2 vote by the Marijuana Control Board also changed the definition of the term "in public" to allow for consumption at some pot shops, none of which are open yet. Colorado, Washington and Oregon have legalized recreational marijuana but ban its public use, including in pot stores.

"This would put, I think, Alaska in the forefront on this issue," said Chris Lindsey, a legislative analyst with the Marijuana Policy Project.

On-site consumption was a hot topic during the public comment process in Alaska. Board chairman Bruce Schulte, who offered the amendment, said there appeared to be a public demand for such facilities.

Voters last November passed the state's initiative legalizing recreational pot use by those 21 and older. The initiative banned public consumption but didn't define "public."

Regulators adopted an emergency regulation earlier this year when the law was taking effect that defined "in public" as a place where the public or a substantial group of people have access.

Some initiative supporters thought that definition was too restrictive, saying it would seemingly even bar pot consumption at weddings or office parties.

The board amended the definition to allow for consumption in a designated area at certain licensed pot stores. It had previously said

it lacked the legal authority to create a type of license permitting public use.

Cynthia Franklin, the board's director, said she expects another round of regulations detailing exactly what will be allowed at those stores, such as the types of marijuana.

Tim Hinterberger, a sponsor of the Alaska initiative, said allowing retail establishments to be licensed for on-site consumption is a good and necessary step, especially to accommodate tourists. However, he still thinks the definition of public is too broad. Hinterberger said he hadn't read the amendments yet but read about the developments in the news.

In Colorado, where legalization banned pot use in public and in bars, marijuana tourists and activists have complained the limits are too restrictive. People have been ticketed for smoking pot on sidewalks and in public parks. In Washington, use is restricted to a private place and there's been no move by the Legislature to open that up, said Brian Smith, spokesman for the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board.

Alaska's Marijuana Control Board also voted to scrap a proposed regulation banning marijuana clubs. Schulte said the intent behind that was not to sanction or endorse the clubs. But he said if the board has no authority under the initiative to regulate the clubs — as an attorney for the board stated — it also can't prohibit them.

Harriet Dinegar Milks, an assistant attorney general serving as counsel to the board, and Franklin said such clubs are illegal.

The Alaska regulations, once adopted, will undergo a legal review by Alaska's Department of Law.

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| TODAY                          | SUNDAY         | MONDAY                        | TUESDAY                   | WEDNESDAY               |
|--------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                |                |                               |                           |                         |
| Mostly sunny and chilly        | Sunny          | Sunshine giving way to clouds | Cooler with a little snow | Partly sunny and colder |
| <b>39° 20°</b>                 | <b>40° 27°</b> | <b>49° 34°</b>                | <b>40° 24°</b>            | <b>34° 16°</b>          |
| PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST |                |                               |                           |                         |
| <b>39° 20°</b>                 | <b>40° 25°</b> | <b>48° 35°</b>                | <b>45° 27°</b>            | <b>40° 17°</b>          |
| HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST |                |                               |                           |                         |
| <b>40° 20°</b>                 | <b>40° 25°</b> | <b>48° 35°</b>                | <b>45° 27°</b>            | <b>40° 17°</b>          |

## ALMANAC

### PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

### TEMPERATURE

| HIGH               | LOW       |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Yesterday 43°      | 35°       |
| Normals 48°        | 32°       |
| Records 69° (1958) | 9° (1977) |

### PRECIPITATION

|                        |        |
|------------------------|--------|
| 24 hours ending 3 p.m. | 0.12"  |
| Month to date          | 0.84"  |
| Normal month to date   | 0.92"  |
| Year to date           | 7.47"  |
| Last year to date      | 10.03" |
| Normal year to date    | 10.91" |

### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

### TEMPERATURE

| HIGH               | LOW       |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Yesterday 44°      | 30°       |
| Normals 48°        | 32°       |
| Records 65° (1962) | 6° (1929) |

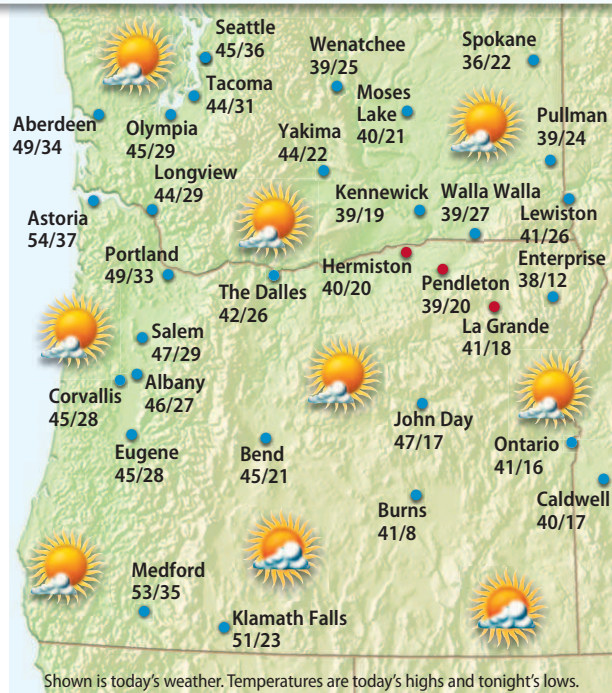
### PRECIPITATION

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| 24 hours ending 3 p.m. | 0.03" |
| Month to date          | 0.58" |
| Normal month to date   | 0.76" |
| Year to date           | 5.16" |
| Last year to date      | 6.01" |
| Normal year to date    | 8.04" |

### SUN AND MOON

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Sunrise today  | 7:02 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 4:19 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 2:04 p.m. |
| Moonset today  | 1:36 a.m. |

| Full   | Last  | New    | First  |
|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| Nov 25 | Dec 2 | Dec 11 | Dec 18 |



## REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow. Monday: periods of rain.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight; cold.

**Western Washington:** Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

**Eastern Washington:** Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

**Cascades:** Sunny much of the time today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

**Northern California:** Partly sunny today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

## REGIONAL CITIES

|               | Today |    |    | Sun. |    |    |
|---------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
|               | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi   | Lo | W  |
| Astoria       | 54    | 37 | s  | 55   | 42 | pc |
| Baker City    | 38    | 11 | s  | 41   | 18 | s  |
| Bend          | 45    | 21 | s  | 49   | 31 | pc |
| Brookings     | 62    | 45 | pc | 60   | 46 | pc |
| Burns         | 41    | 8  | s  | 45   | 16 | s  |
| Enterprise    | 38    | 12 | s  | 42   | 21 | s  |
| Eugene        | 45    | 28 | s  | 49   | 36 | pc |
| Heppner       | 41    | 21 | s  | 42   | 24 | s  |
| Hermiston     | 40    | 20 | s  | 40   | 25 | s  |
| John Day      | 47    | 17 | s  | 50   | 25 | s  |
| Klamath Falls | 51    | 23 | pc | 53   | 26 | pc |
| La Grande     | 41    | 18 | s  | 44   | 25 | s  |
| Meacham       | 40    | 21 | s  | 43   | 27 | s  |
| Medford       | 53    | 35 | s  | 55   | 38 | pc |
| Newport       | 52    | 37 | s  | 52   | 42 | pc |
| North Bend    | 59    | 40 | s  | 58   | 46 | pc |
| Ontario       | 41    | 16 | s  | 40   | 19 | s  |
| Pasco         | 38    | 20 | s  | 40   | 25 | s  |
| Pendleton     | 39    | 20 | s  | 40   | 27 | s  |
| Portland      | 49    | 33 | s  | 49   | 37 | pc |
| Redmond       | 46    | 15 | s  | 51   | 28 | pc |
| Salem         | 47    | 29 | s  | 48   | 34 | pc |
| Spokane       | 36    | 22 | s  | 39   | 26 | s  |
| Ukiah         | 43    | 15 | s  | 45   | 23 | s  |
| Vancouver     | 48    | 33 | s  | 48   | 36 | pc |
| Walla Walla   | 39    | 27 | s  | 41   | 32 | s  |
| Yakima        | 44    | 22 | s  | 43   | 25 | s  |

## WORLD CITIES

|             | Today |    |    | Sun. |    |    |
|-------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
|             | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi   | Lo | W  |
| Beijing     | 33    | 26 | sn | 30   | 23 | sn |
| Hong Kong   | 81    | 75 | t  | 83   | 74 | s  |
| Jerusalem   | 65    | 54 | c  | 64   | 51 | s  |
| London      | 42    | 30 | sn | 41   | 32 | pc |
| Mexico City | 75    | 55 | pc | 65   | 49 | pc |
| Moscow      | 40    | 32 | c  | 38   | 32 | i  |
| Paris       | 45    | 33 | sn | 43   | 32 | pc |
| Rome        | 67    | 47 | sh | 56   | 43 | sh |
| Seoul       | 56    | 39 | s  | 56   | 42 | s  |
| Sydney      | 70    | 63 | pc | 74   | 63 | pc |
| Tokyo       | 66    | 55 | pc | 61   | 55 | c  |

## WINDS

| (in mph)  | Today   | Sunday  |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| Boardman  | NE 3-6  | NNE 3-6 |
| Pendleton | NNW 3-6 | N 3-6   |

## UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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