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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Partly sunny	Fog in the a.m.; clouds and sun	Fog in the a.m.; clouds and sun	Sunny	Mild with clouds and sun
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
51°	31°	51°	31°	52°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
54°	30°	51°	31°	52°
33°				
56°				
39°				

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	59°	36°
Normals	44°	28°
Records	65° (2015)	-12° (1989)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.01"
Month to date	0.22"
Normal month to date	0.23"
Year to date	1.73"
Last year to date	1.04"
Normal year to date	1.61"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

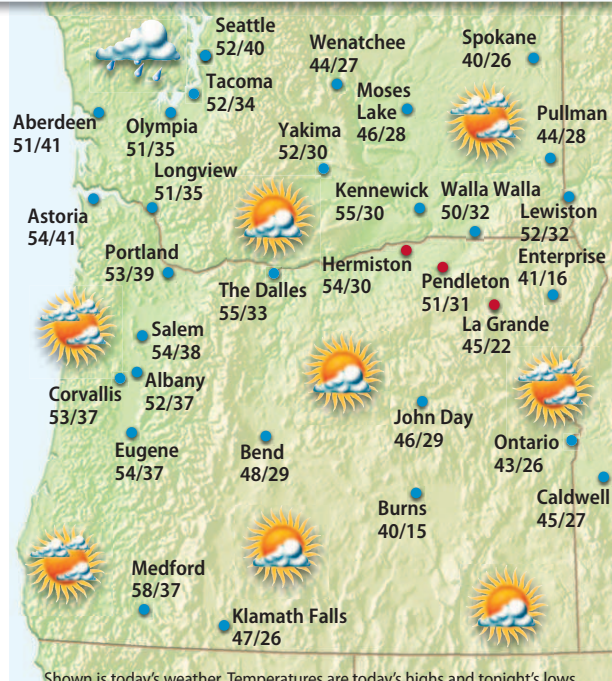
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	55°	31°
Normals	45°	29°
Records	61° (1967)	-10° (1989)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.05"
Normal month to date	0.17"
Year to date	1.15"
Last year to date	0.78"
Normal year to date	1.45"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:11 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:08 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:32 a.m.
Moonset today	3:27 p.m.



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Clouds and sun today; cloudy in the morning, then some sun across the north in the afternoon.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight.

Western Washington: Cloudy with a shower this morning, then clouds and sun this afternoon.

Eastern Washington: Clouds and sun today. Partly cloudy tonight. Intervals of clouds and sun tomorrow.

Cascades: Partly sunny today, but mostly cloudy across the north. Partly cloudy tonight.

Northern California: Clouds and sun today. Partly cloudy tonight; cold. Brilliant sunshine tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	54	41	pc	60	45	pc
Baker City	41	17	pc	41	20	pc
Bend	48	29	pc	54	30	s
Brookings	56	44	pc	63	47	s
Burns	40	15	pc	40	18	s
Enterprise	41	16	c	42	23	pc
Eugene	54	37	pc	58	39	pc
Hepner	49	27	pc	50	30	s
Hermiston	54	30	pc	51	31	s
John Day	46	29	pc	52	33	s
Klamath Falls	47	26	pc	51	26	s
La Grande	45	22	pc	46	26	pc
Meacham	41	23	pc	46	28	pc
Medford	58	37	pc	64	37	s
Newport	54	45	pc	60	46	pc
North Bend	58	45	pc	65	47	s
Ontario	43	26	pc	44	25	s
Pasco	55	30	pc	52	30	pc
Pendleton	51	31	pc	51	31	pc
Portland	53	39	pc	59	42	pc
Redmond	51	27	pc	55	28	s
Salem	54	38	pc	59	39	pc
Spokane	40	26	pc	42	30	pc
Ukiah	43	22	pc	48	27	s
Vancouver	51	37	pc	59	40	pc
Walla Walla	50	32	pc	49	33	pc
Yakima	52	30	pc	49	32	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	42	18	s	46	19	s
Hong Kong	59	48	s	60	53	s
Jerusalem	52	41	sh	46	37	sh
London	54	41	r	50	44	sh
Mexico City	69	37	pc	70	37	pc
Moscow	28	14	c	32	29	sn
Paris	56	45	c	51	44	c
Rome	59	47	pc	59	50	r
Seoul	34	15	s	35	20	s
Sydney	77	69	sh	79	67	s
Tokyo	50	36	r	46	36	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Sunday
Boardman	WSW 7-14	NE 4-8
Pendleton	WSW 7-14	NE 3-6

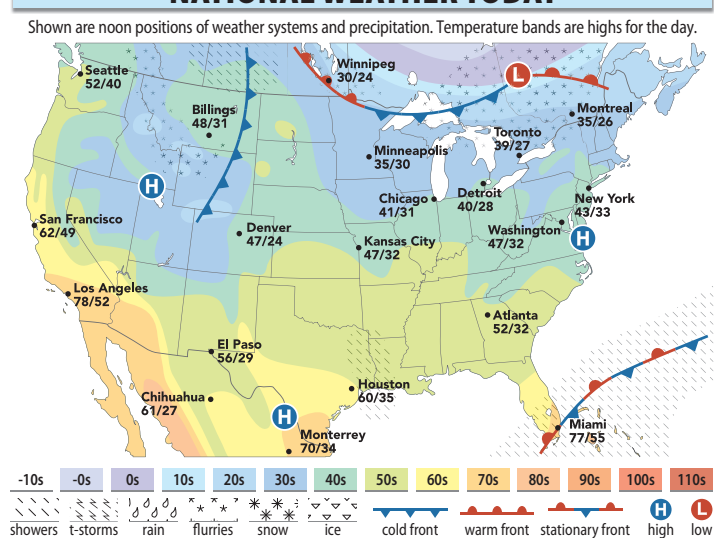
UV INDEX TODAY

0	1	2	1	0	0
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	

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Dry and mild air will return to the Northeast today as high pressure builds. Snow showers will dot the Great Lakes and northern Rockies. Showers will impact portions of Florida and eastern Texas.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 80° in Oceanside, Calif. **Low** -22° in Gunnison, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.				Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	50	25	s	54	26	s	Louisville	53	33	pc	55	35	pc
Atlanta	52	32	pc	56	38	s	Memphis	54	35	pc	59	37	pc
Atlanta City	42	31	pc	45	35	pc	Miami	77	55	sh	64	45	pc
Baltimore	46	26	pc	51	31	pc	Milwaukee	38	31	c	41	28	sf
Billings	48	31	sf	45	27	s	Minneapolis	35	30	c	37	16	sn
Birmingham	52	30	pc	57	38	s	Nashville	53	31	pc	56	36	s
Boise	46	28	pc	46	27	s	New Orleans	57	39	pc	61	44	s
Boston	39	29	pc	43	29	pc	New York City	43	33	pc	46	33	pc
Charleston, SC	53	35	pc	48	35	r	Oklahoma City	52	32	s	58	31	s
Charleston, WV	48	28	pc	51	35	pc	Omaha	41	30	pc	41	24	pc
Chicago	41	31	pc	43	27	pc	Philadelphia	46	29	pc	50	33	pc
Cleveland	41	28	c	47	33	pc	Phoenix	73	45	s	77	50	s
Dallas	55	36	s	65	39	s	Portland, ME	39	26	pc	42	19	s
Denver	47	24	pc	36	18	pc	Providence	39	27	pc	43	29	pc
Detroit	40	28	c	47	32	pc	Raleigh	50	31	s	47	30	pc
El Paso	56	29	s	63	34	s	Rapid City	53	27	s	39	22	pc
Fairbanks	12	-6	pc	8	-1	pc	Reno	52	27	s	54	26	s
Fargo	39	32	c	33	10	sn	Sacramento	66	42	s	68	43	pc
Honolulu	81	65	sh	76	62	s	St. Louis	55	35	pc	54	34	pc
Houston	60	35	r	64	41	s	Salt Lake City	37	24	pc	39	23	s
Indianapolis	46	29	pc	49	28	pc	San Diego	75	52	r	77	56	s
Jacksonville	54	39	pc	55	34	pc	San Francisco	62	49	s	66	49	s
Kansas City	47	32	s	48	26	pc	Seattle	52	40	pc	55	43	pc
Las Vegas	61	41	s	67	44	s	Tucson	72	39	s	78	45	s
Little Rock	55	35	pc	61	38	s	Washington, DC	47	32	pc	49	33	pc
Los Angeles	78	52	s	83	56	s	Wichita	52	30	s	51	30	pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Three-tier minimum wage plan set for Senate vote

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SALEM — A bill to set three different minimum wage rates in the state is headed to the Senate floor next week.

The bill would hike wages to \$14.75 in the Portland metro area, \$12.50 in rural and coastal areas with struggling economies and \$13.50 in the rest of the state by 2022. The rates are based on median income and cost of living in those regions and what it takes to be "self-sufficient" — to pay basic expenses such as food, housing and transportation, said Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, chairman of the Senate Workforce and General Government Committee.

The committee passed the proposal Friday 3-to-2.

"Passing minimum wage is not going to be a silver bullet for problems faced by low-income Oregonians," Dembrow said.

Dembrow said lawmakers still need to increase the earned income tax credit, address the cost of child care and find ways to increase affordable housing in the state, where prices, particularly in the Portland area, have skyrocketed.

The vote fell along party lines with the committee's two Republicans, Sens. Tim Knopp of Bend and Kim Thatcher of Keizer, voting no.

"I really feel the impact of this is going to be negative in many ways," Knopp said. "I think it is going to hurt the people you're trying to help."

He said small businesses would take an economic hit and employees would lose jobs.

The Republicans said they plan to write a



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minority report and offer an amendment to the bill on the Senate floor. The bill could reach the Senate floor as early as Tuesday, Dembrow said.

Dembrow authored the bill after months of meeting with stakeholders and consulting research on self-sufficiency thresholds for every county in the state, he said. The bill was intended to offer an alternative to ballot initiatives that would raise the minimum to \$15 or \$13.50 statewide and would repeal a ban on municipalities and counties from setting a higher wage.

The first pay bump would start in July, increasing the wage from \$9.25 to \$9.75 statewide.

The minimum gradually will climb to \$14.75 in 2022 in the Portland urban growth boundary, which includes parts of Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. It will rise to \$13.50 in Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Deschutes, Hood River, Jackson, Josephine, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk, Tillamook, Wasco, and Yamhill counties, and parts of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties outside Portland's urban growth boundary.

In rural areas, the minimum will increase to \$12.50. Those areas include Malheur, Lake, Harney, Wheeler, Sherman, Gilliam, Wallowa, Grant, Jefferson, Baker, Union,

Crook, Klamath, Douglas, Coos, Curry, Umatilla and Morrow counties.

The Legislative Fiscal Office determined that the cost of raising minimum wage for the state and local governments is indeterminate because it's impossible to know how many positions will be affected by the time the increases take effect in the next seven years.

Dembrow's amendment, first offered Wednesday, nudged out a proposal by Gov. Kate Brown that would have set two minimum wage rates in the state.

No polling has been done in the Senate on Dembrow's specific proposal, according to Senate President Peter Courtney's Office. Lindsey O'Brien, spokeswoman for House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, said Kotek supports raising minimum wage but is still reviewing the Senate proposal before taking a stance on it.

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House signals support of subsidy for large solar projects

By HILLARY BORRUD
 Capital Bureau

SALEM — House lawmakers from both sides of the aisle signaled their support this week for a bill that would encourage large solar projects in Oregon.

The House Committee On Energy and Environment voted unanimously on Thursday to send the bill to the budget writing Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

House Bill 4037 would create a state subsidy of half a cent per kilowatt hour of energy generated from qualified projects. The subsidy would last five years. Legislative staff have yet to put a price tag on the legislation, but a solar industry representative who drafted the bill estimated it could cost a total of \$5.7 million. The money would come from the state general fund.

It would not be the first Oregon incentive for solar projects: The state issued more than \$50 million in business energy tax credits for solar between 2006 and 2014, according to data from the Oregon Department of Energy. Still, Environment Oregon state director Rikki Seguin told lawmakers this week that only 0.02 percent of the state's energy comes from the sun.

David Brown, a senior principal at Obsidian Finance Group LLC in Lake Oswego, drafted the bill with input from other interested parties. Brown said the company has built the state's three largest

solar projects, and plans to build another large project in Southern Oregon by the end of this year.

Brown said House Bill 4037 would provide much smaller incentives for solar projects, which makes sense because prices have decreased. His company developed the five megawatt Outback project in southern Oregon, which received a \$10