

# Brown names Saiki DHS director

Agency under review

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown appointed longtime civil servant Clyde Saiki as director of the troubled Oregon Department of Human Services on Tuesday.

Saiki has served as the agency's interim director since early November, when Brown demoted acting DHS director Jerry Waybrant. Brown made the change after *Willamette Week* reported that top officials at the agency, including Waybrant and former director Erinn Kelley-Siel, knew for more than a year about alleged child neglect and financial problems at the Portland foster care agency Give Us This Day, yet did nothing. Kelley-Siel had resigned in July.

Additional emails released by the state later showed top DHS officials knew as far back as 2009 that Give Us This Day was operating without a state license and was staffed entirely by people

with criminal records, the EO Media Group/Pamplin Media Group Capital Bureau reported. Give Us This Day closed in September under a settlement agreement with the Oregon Department of Justice.

Brown said on Tuesday that Saiki had already made progress since taking the helm at DHS.

"Clyde has been instrumental as the interim director in increasing accountability at the agency, particularly regarding the safety of young people in foster care, and coordinating an independent review of DHS programs to determine improvements needed to ensure youth are served and protected," Brown said in a press release Tuesday. "His leadership has already made a difference at the agency, and he has my full support in continuing to make the changes we expect at DHS."

Saiki's appointment is subject to confirmation by the state Senate, which could occur during interim legisla-

tive meetings in May.

Brown ordered a review of the agency by an outside contractor, and a DHS spokesman said on Tuesday the review is still underway.

State Sen. Sara Gelsler, D-Corvallis, has criticized

DHS' failure to protect children and other vulnerable Oregonians in the agency's care. Gelsler sponsored legislation which lawmakers passed earlier this month, to tighten DHS licensing standards and mandate that the agency take action when children are at risk. Gelsler hailed Saiki's appointment as DHS director and said he has been willing to tackle the problems in an "open and candid way."

"Clyde has just been great," Gelsler said on Tuesday. "We're really lucky he agreed to stay. The changes I'm seeing are swift and strong and appropriate."

Saiki's appointment creates a vacancy at the state's Department of



Saiki

Administrative Services, where he was the director and state's chief operating officer. George Naughton, the state's chief financial officer and budget director, has been filling in as that agency's director and chief operating officer in recent months.

Saiki was a deputy director at the Oregon Department of Transportation, before Brown appointed him as chief operating officer last year. Saiki also previously worked 23 years at DHS, and he told the *Statesman Journal* in November that he heard of problems at Give Us This Day during his tenure at the agency. "We had heard about that, but they had been investigated and we had continued to license them at that point in time. It wasn't the issue that it is now," Saiki said, according to the newspaper.

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## BRIEFLY

### Gov. Brown to tour Pendleton Early Learning Center, BMCC

PENDLETON — Gov. Kate Brown is visiting Pendleton on Wednesday, the first of three stops on a statewide tour.

The governor will visit the Pendleton Early Learning Center at 1:30 p.m., followed by a tour of Blue Mountain Community College at 2:50. As part of her visit, Brown will also sign House Bill 4037, which directs the Oregon Business Development Department to establish an incentive program for solar energy.

Brown will travel to Bend and Eugene later this week.

### Oregon jobless rate drops below 5 percent

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's unemployment rate dropped to 4.8 percent in February, its lowest level in more than 20 years, according to figures released Tuesday by the state Employment Department.

The jobless rate has been steadily declining since reaching a peak of nearly 12 percent in the spring of 2009, a time when Oregon was crushed by the recession. The state labor force has grown by nearly 100,000 in the past two years, driven largely by people moving from California and elsewhere, and finding work.

Oregon added 4,300 jobs last month, led by the construction industry, after a gain of more than 9,000 jobs in January. That has sent the jobless rate plummeting to a mark last seen in April 1995.

The U.S. unemployment rate for February was 4.9 percent.

Besides construction, other major industries

leading the way in February were health care and professional and business services. The laggards for the month were private educational services and manufacturing.

### Idaho company looks to launch driverless tractors in months

POCATELLO, Idaho (AP) — A company started by a Post Falls seed potato farmer said it will put a driverless tractor on an Idaho field within the next two months.

Farb Guidance Systems' first GPS-guided tractor, which is about half the size of the normal machine and has no steering wheel or seat, will go to a southern Idaho farmer, the *Capital Press* reported Monday.

"Companies have prototypes out there, but we believe at this point in time we're the world leader in unmanned agricultural equipment," company founder David Farb said.

Farb said his company expects to build 60 tractors this year and has received commitments for 100.

"We think that once these get in the dirt that it will be an explosive-type market," Farb said. "It's pretty hard to say no to it at the cost and what it does for you."

Sensors alert farmers of equipment problems on the tractors, which start at \$160,000 and have been tested on Farb's farm. He plans to use the machines in his regular farming operations come spring.

Farb is working with equipment dealers and a large southern Idaho dealership to create a maintenance network. He also is looking at partnering with Idaho State University on research.

Technology instructor Darren Leavitt said students could intern in map design.

# Effort to end daylight saving time put on hold

By PARIS ACHEN  
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SALEM — A ballot initiative to end daylight saving time in Oregon is on hold until 2017.

Medford resident David Miles launched a petition drive in November to abolish the tradition by 2018.

Miles said his force of about 20 volunteers was insufficient to gather the required 117,578 signatures to place the measure on the ballot in November. As of Sunday, the group had collected about 1,000 signatures, Miles said.

"We have our sights set on next year," Miles said.

"I had to look at it realistically, as much as I would have loved to have it on the ballot this year," he added.

Miles said he plans to start a GoFundMe page to raise money to hire paid petitioners next year.

The community service

"We have our sights set on next year."

— David Miles, launched petition to end tradition

officer with Jackson County Sheriff's Office said he started the initiative after feeling tired of complaining every year about losing sleep and adjusting clocks and deciding he should do something about it.

Adjusting the clock forward in the spring may cause spikes in workplace accidents and traffic crashes, according to multiple bodies of research, including one by the University of Colorado.

A University of California Berkeley study found that a two-month extension of daylight saving time in Australia during the Sydney Olympic Games in 2000 failed to curtail electricity demand.

Lawmakers in several states, including California, have proposed alternatives to daylight saving changes

or asked that voters decide on whether to keep the practice.

"What I would really like to see the country say is enough is enough and end daylight saving nationally," Miles said.

He said if more states opt to abolish the practice, there may be more momentum for a national change.

Oregon Sen. Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer, introduced a bill in January 2015 that would have let voters to decide whether to abolish daylight saving in 2021.

Dozens of Oregonians testified in favor of the measure.

The legislation stalled in the Senate Rules Committee because some lawmakers were concerned about being out of sync with Washington and California, according to

Thatcher's office.

The country had an on-and-off-again relationship with daylight saving time until 1966 when Congress codified it to try to simplify a confusing patchwork of different time zones across the country. Individual states were allowed to opt out. Arizona, Hawaii and some U.S. territories have chosen to remain on standard time.

The No More Daylight Saving Time in Oregon initiative was the first that Miles sponsored.

"I'm not upset it didn't get on the ballot," he said. "I learned a lot. I understand that some of my goals were unrealistic. It'll give me more of an ability to be successful next time."

In the meantime, he maintains a Facebook page where he'll give supporters updates on the effort.

https://www.facebook.com/nomoredstinoregon/

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**TODAY**

Partly sunny

**THURSDAY**

Sunny

**FRIDAY**

Partly sunny

**SATURDAY**

Partial sunshine

**SUNDAY**

Mostly cloudy with a shower

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
54°	30°	52°	25°	54°
31°	57°	36°	64°	44°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
60°	28°	57°	24°	57°
29°	59°	36°	65°	43°

### ALMANAC

**PENDLETON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	47°	35°
Normals	55°	35°
Records	78° (1901)	1° (1906)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.01"  
Month to date 0.89"  
Normal month to date 0.61"  
Year to date 3.26"  
Last year to date 1.83"  
Normal year to date 3.16"

**HERMISTON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	52°	40°
Normals	58°	34°
Records	77° (1940)	15° (1944)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.63"  
Normal month to date 0.47"  
Year to date 2.12"  
Last year to date 1.17"  
Normal year to date 2.74"

### SUN AND MOON

	Full	Last	New	First
	Mar 23	Mar 31	Apr 7	Apr 13

**Coastal Oregon:** Times of clouds and sun today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow; pleasant.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Partly sunny today; milder in the south and central parts. Partly cloudy tonight.

**Western Washington:** Times of clouds and sun today; a morning shower in spots across the south.

**Eastern Washington:** Partly sunny today; a bit of ice in the mountains during the morning.

**Cascades:** Times of clouds and sun today; a snow shower.

**Northern California:** Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight; cold. Sunny tomorrow; pleasant in central parts.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	53	38	pc	59	43	s
Baker City	47	24	sf	49	19	s
Bend	52	28	pc	50	23	s
Brookings	61	47	pc	64	47	s
Burns	50	23	pc	51	24	s
Enterprise	46	26	sf	47	20	s
Eugene	57	35	pc	61	37	s
Heppner	54	30	pc	51	28	s
Hermiston	60	28	s	57	24	s
John Day	52	34	pc	55	33	s
Klamath Falls	58	27	pc	62	29	s
La Grande	49	29	c	50	19	s
Meacham	45	26	pc	45	19	s
Medford	64	38	pc	71	41	s
Newport	55	41	pc	60	45	s
North Bend	59	43	pc	65	47	s
Ontario	53	32	pc	55	27	s
Pasco	59	29	s	57	27	s
Pendleton	54	30	pc	52	25	s
Portland	57	36	pc	59	43	s
Redmond	55	26	pc	51	22	s
Salem	56	34	pc	63	36	s
Spokane	46	27	pc	46	26	s
Ukiah	48	27	sf	48	21	s
Vancouver	56	34	pc	58	41	s
Walla Walla	53	32	pc	52	30	s
Yakima	60	28	s	57	29	s

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	67	39	pc	69	42	s
Hong Kong	69	64	c	71	67	c
Jerusalem	53	44	pc	54	42	pc
London	49	37	pc	53	35	s
Mexico City	80	53	pc	78	48	pc
Moscow	37	29	sf	37	28	sn
Paris	49	35	pc	54	35	s
Rome	58	44	t	62	44	sh
Seoul	52	32	s	57	42	c
Sydney	77	66	sh	77	66	pc
Tokyo	55	47	c	62	49	s

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	WNW 3-6	E 6-12
Pendleton	W 4-8	NNE 6-12

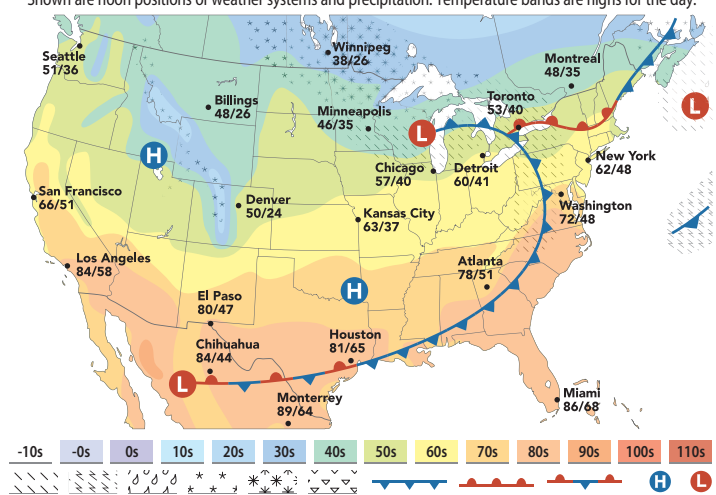
### UV INDEX TODAY

0 2 4 4 2 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

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



**National Summary:** Rain showers will extend from the lower Great Lakes to the interior mid-Atlantic today. Snow will fall over the Upper Midwest and northern Rockies. Winds will blast the North Central states.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 96° in Zapata, Texas Low -1° in Lake Yellowstone, Wyo.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	65	35	s	69	37	s
Atlanta	78	51	c	74	50	s
Atlanta City	58	45	pc	62	45	c
Baltimore	70	43	pc	65	43	c
Billings	48	26	sf	41	21	sf
Birmingham	76	50	c	76	50	s
Boise	51	32	pc	53	30	s
Boston	57	43	c	60	41	-13
Charleston, SC	84	60	pc	83	58	c
Charleston, WV	69	44	pc	64	39	c
Chicago	57	40	pc	49	34	pc
Cleveland	60	43	pc	54	34	sh
Dallas	78	53	s	68	52	pc
Denver	50	24	pc	52	22	pc
Detroit	60	41	sh	52	34	c
El Paso	80	47	s	81	49	s
Fairbanks	14	-7	sf	14	-13	pc
Fargo	45	31	r	38	29	sf
Honolulu	78	65	pc	77	66	pc
Houston	81	65	pc	80	63	t
Indianapolis						