

Opponents criticize Hoyle’s acceptance of \$250K donation from Bloomberg

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SALEM — The Democratic primary for Oregon secretary of state is growing more contentious, as the May 17 election deadline approaches.

Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian and state Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, on Monday sharply criticized state Rep. Val Hoyle, D-Eugene, for accepting a \$250,000 campaign contribution from billionaire gun control advocate Michael Bloomberg. All three are running for secretary of state.

“At a time when Representative Hoyle is claiming she will get big money out of Oregon politics, her accepting the largest contribution in the history of a Secretary of State’s race from a New

York billionaire is shocking,” Devlin said in a statement on Monday. “Even more disturbing is that this \$250,000 check is an admitted direct payback for a single piece of legislation.”

Devlin was referring to statements by a spokesman for Bloomberg in a recent article in *Willamette Week*. According to the Bloomberg spokesman, the former New York City mayor contributed to Hoyle’s campaign out of appreciation for her work to gain passage of bill in 2015 that expanded background checks to all private firearm transfers, with certain exceptions.

Brad Pyle, Avakian’s campaign manager, also criticized Hoyle for accepting the Bloomberg contribution on



Hoyle

Monday.

“The hypocrisy of Val Hoyle is astounding,” Pyle wrote in an email. “While preaching her commitment to reduce the influence of money in politics she was accepting a quarter-million dollar check from a Wall Street billionaire, silencing the voices of everyday Oregonians.”

Hoyle has raised the most money in the Democratic primary with nearly \$855,000 since 2015, while Avakian has raised \$626,000 in that time frame, according to an analysis of state campaign finance reports. Devlin has raised more than \$294,000 since 2015.

Hoyle received the contribution from Bloomberg nearly a year after the Oregon House

passed the gun control bill.

Cody Chasteen, Hoyle’s campaign manager, said the campaign was honored to receive the contribution.

“I think (Devlin) and commissioner Avakian have received significant donations from organizations that have business in front of both of their respective offices, whether it’s the Ways and Means committee or the Bureau of Labor and Industries office,” Chasteen said. “I think those in our eyes are a little concerning.”

Devlin is co-chair of the budget writing Joint Ways and Means Committee, and campaign finance records reveal Avakian and Devlin have both received contributions from entities that can be impacted by their decisions such as the health care industry and labor unions.

Corps: Coal terminal violates tribal rights, won’t permit

SEATTLE (AP) — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Monday denied a permit to a \$700 million project to build the nation’s largest coal-export terminal in northwest Washington state, handing a striking victory to the Lummi tribe which argued the project would violate its treaty-protected fishing rights.

The decision ends the federal environmental review of a deep-water port that would have handled up to 54 million metric tons of dry bulk commodities, mostly coal, at Cherry Point. The venture between SSA Marine and Cloud Peak Energy proposed receiving coal by train from Montana and Wyoming for

export to Asia.

Col. John Buck, commander of the corps’ Seattle district, said the project can’t be permitted because the impacts from the trestle and three-vessel wharf would interfere with the tribe’s treaty rights to fish in its traditional areas.

“The corps may not permit a project that abrogates treaty rights,” Buck said.

The Lummi Nation said the Corps honored its treaty with the U.S. and recognized that the project would hurt the tribe’s fishing rights.

“It’s great news for the Lummi, a great win for treaty rights and Indian country,” said Tim Ballew, chairman of the tribe with more than

5,000 members and one of the largest tribal fishing fleets in the country. “The record established, and everybody knew, this project would have negative impacts to treaty fishing rights.”

Like many tribes, the Lummi signed a treaty with the U.S. in 1855 in which it ceded its land but reserved the right to hunt and fish in “usual and accustomed” areas.

Project developers said Monday that they are considering all alternatives.

“This is an inconceivable decision,” Bob Watters, president of Pacific International Terminal, LLC, said in a statement. “Looking at the set of facts in the administrative summary, it’s quite obvious

this is a political decision and not fact based.”

Project developers had argued that the most productive fishing for the tribe does not occur near the wharf and that the tribe didn’t provide real evidence that they fished or crabbed a lot in the area, about 100 miles north of Seattle.

But the Corps said the tribe showed evidence that members fish near the proposed dock and did so regularly. The agency said the pier itself would impact the tribe’s fishing rights, and that measures proposed by developers wouldn’t minimize those effects. At a minimum, 122 acres of the tribe’s fishing grounds would be impacted.

State to begin new science standards test in 2018

BEND (AP) — Oregon schools will begin teaching new science standards and plans to introduce new a new science test in 2018.

Oregon has begun phasing in the new Next Generation Science Standards, which are used by 18 states and emphasize hands-on learning and concepts such as cause and effect or stability and change, The Bulletin of Bend reported.

The new standards, which replace Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, were adopted in 2014. Officials say it’s too soon to tell what the tests will look like, but that the standards move away from memorization.

“Because there is the expectation of higher-level thinking skills and the opportunity for students to demonstrate what they know, we would expect that the test would be more than a straight multiple-choice test, which is what we have now,” said Derek Brown, director of assessment at the Oregon Department of Education, of moving to the Smarter Balanced tests.

Federal law requires schools test students in science at least once in third through fifth grade, once in sixth through

ninth grade and once in 10th through 12th grade. That will continue under the new federal education law.

The science standards pair with the state’s Smarter Balanced tests for English language arts and math, which debuted last year. Previously, schools used the old test for science.

Oregon Department of Education officials said the delay between the new standards and introducing the test is typical. Brown said the new science standards have not faced as much push-back as Common Core, but with Common Core the conversation shifted to the negative as schools came closer to handing out an assessment.

Though students are still taking the Oregon Assessment of Knowledge tests, Pacific Crest Middle School science teacher Sara Trakselis, of Bend, said she won’t focus on the results. Instead she has been developing tests for the new standards, where students must interpret data, investigate patterns, create models and find explanations.

“They’re harder to write and they’re harder to grade, but they’re better for the kids,” she said.

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TODAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Pleasant and warmer

Mostly sunny and warm

Mostly sunny and very warm

Mostly sunny and remaining warm

Partly sunny

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

71° 42° 78° 49° 83° 49° 83° 53° 80° 53°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

76° 40° 83° 46° 87° 49° 88° 57° 85° 54°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH LOW

Yesterday 65° 44°

Normals 69° 45°

Records 91° (1940) 28° (1922)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace

Month to date 0.17"

Normal month to date 0.33"

Year to date 4.57"

Last year to date 3.14"

Normal year to date 5.48"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH LOW

Yesterday 70° 47°

Normals 71° 45°

Records 95° (1987) 31° (2010)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"

Month to date 0.59"

Normal month to date 0.35"

Year to date 3.57"

Last year to date 1.80"

Normal year to date 4.37"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:30 a.m.

Sunset tonight 8:14 p.m.

Moonrise today 9:20 a.m.

Moonset today none

First Full Last New

May 13 May 21 May 29 June 4

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Plenty of sun today; pleasant. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today; warmer across the north and in central parts.

Western Washington: Plenty of sunshine today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: A shower in the area today, but a passing shower near the Idaho border.

Cascades: Mostly sunny today; pleasant in central parts. Clear tonight. Plenty of sun tomorrow.

Northern California: Mostly sunny today; pleasant at the coast. Mainly clear tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

Today

Wed.

Hi Lo W Hi Lo W

Astoria 69 47 s 65 46 s

Baker City 63 28 pc 70 36 s

Bend 66 36 s 76 45 s

Brookings 71 52 s 67 51 s

Burns 64 30 pc 71 35 s

Enterprise 59 33 pc 67 37 s

Eugene 78 43 s 83 45 s

Heppner 68 42 pc 78 48 s

Hermiston 76 40 pc 83 86 s

John Day 67 41 pc 76 48 s

Klamath Falls 68 35 s 75 37 s

La Grande 64 36 pc 72 41 s

Meacham 62 31 pc 71 42 s

Medford 82 46 s 87 52 s

Newport 65 47 s 65 46 s

North Bend 69 50 s 69 49 s

Ontario 71 39 pc 74 43 s

Pasco 76 42 pc 82 47 s

Pendleton 71 42 pc 78 49 s

Portland 79 50 s 85 51 s

Redmond 69 33 s 78 39 s

Salem 79 47 s 85 47 s

Spokane 67 44 pc 71 48 s

Ukiah 63 35 pc 72 38 s

Vancouver 77 47 s 81 46 s

Walla Walla 69 45 pc 76 54 s

Yakima 76 44 s 82 48 s

WORLD CITIES

Today

Wed.

Hi Lo W Hi Lo W

Beijing 82 62 s 86 65 pc

Hong Kong 86 77 t 87 78 s

Jerusalem 77 56 pc 75 58 s

London 66 56 t 70 55 pc

Mexico City 80 57 pc 76 56 pc

Moscow 73 49 pc 74 49 pc

Paris 67 53 t 69 55 t

Rome 74 58 t 74 58 pc

Seoul 66 50 r 71 52 s

Sydney 74 55 s 69 57 s

Tokyo 72 66 r 74 63 r

WINDS

(in mph)

Today Wednesday

Boardman N 3-6 S 3-6

Pendleton NNW 4-8 SSW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

1 4 7 7 4 1

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.

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s

National Summary:

A few showers and thunderstorms will move into the mid-Atlantic today. Steady rain and storms are expected across the northern Plains and Ohio Valley. Spottier storms will fire across the Plains and South.

Yesterday's National Extremes:

(for the 48 contiguous states)

High 94° in Cotulla, Texas Low 19° in Spincich Lake, Mich.

NATIONAL CITIES

Today

Wed.

Hi Lo W Hi Lo W

Albuquerque 78 52 s 77 52 pc

Atlanta 84 65 c 87 67 pc

Atlantic City 54 47 sh 58 50 c

Baltimore 58 50 sh 67 54 c

Billings 43 40 r 57 37 pc

Birmingham 85 66 c 88 66 pc

Boise 67 41 pc 71 50 s

Boston 66 50 s 63 50 s

Charleston, SC 85 66 pc 89 67 pc

Chicago, IL 80 60 t 79 61 pc

Chicago 65 52 r 68 57 pc

Cleveland 62 55 r 70 55 c

Dallas 94 72 s 88 67 t

Denver 64 40 pc 59 38 t

Detroit 57 51 r 69 54 c

El Paso 87 58 s 90 60 s

Fairbanks 66 41 pc 73 49 pc

Fargo 64 48 sh 69 47 c

Honolulu 83 70 pc 81 70 pc

Houston 87 70 pc 86 69 pc

Indianapolis 73 61 t 80 63 pc

Jacksonville 86 63 pc 88 64 pc

Kansas City 79 61 pc 77 52 t

Las Vegas 86 65 c 88 67 s

Little Rock 85 69 c 88 67 pc

Los Angeles 71 58 pc 75 60 pc

Louisville 77 66 t 83 67 t

Memphis 85 68 t 88 70 t

Miami 85 74 s 86 74 pc

Minneapolis 52 46 r 59 51 pc

Minneapolis 57 49 sh 64 50 r

Nashville 85 66 t 86 66 t

New Orleans 86 71 pc 86 71 pc

New York City 63 51 pc 71 52 pc

Oklahoma City 89 67 s 85 58 pc

Omaha 79 56 pc 64 48 r

Philadelphia 57 51 c 69 54 c

Phoenix 90 68 s 94 71 s

Portland, ME 66 42 s 65 43 s

Providence 66 47 s 70 48 s

Raleigh 86 63 pc 83 62 t

Rapid City 60 36 r 55 35 c

Reno 69 40 s 76 48 s

Sacramento 86 53 s 87 55 s

St. Louis 82 65 t 84 63 t

Salt Lake City 58 42 pc 63 44 s

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Tucson 89 60 c 92 63 s

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Wichita 86 65 s 78 53 pc