

Superdelegates choose between Sanders, Clinton

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Associated Press

SALEM — After Bernie Sanders won Oregon's Democratic primary this week, two superdelegates announced they'll back the Vermont senator and one declared support for Hillary Clinton, amid increased discomfort with a system viewed as undemocratic, even among some of the superdelegates themselves.

The issue is particularly critical in this election, because even though Sanders beat Clinton by nearly 10 percentage points in the primary, the former secretary of state could still amass most of the Oregon delegates if a certain number of the 13 superdelegates, a nickname for unpledged delegates, swing her way. The odds of this happening are very remote, though it is mathematically possible.

"Every Democrat I have talked to finds the unpledged delegate system offensive," superdelegate Larry Taylor said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press. He became a superdelegate because of his position in the Democratic party in Oregon, but that doesn't mean he agrees with the system.

After Tuesday's primary results came in, Taylor announced he would support Sanders, one of only three superdelegates to do so, with Sen. Jeff Merkley having endorsed Sanders before the primary. Seven have declared they back Clinton. Three remain undeclared.

"I don't think my vote ... should invalidate the vote of thousands of voters," Taylor said. Each delegate vote on the floor of the Democratic convention in July will represent about 8,500 Democrats who voted in the Oregon primary, he noted. He was speaking to AP from Philadelphia, where he and other party officials from Oregon were visiting the convention facilities.

The breakdown of the Oregon primary gives Sanders 34 pledged delegates and Clinton 25, with two pledged delegates still unallocated amid close returns.

Adding the declared superdelegates gives Sanders a total of 37 and Clinton 32.

If all three undeclared superdelegates go for Clinton, the result would be 37-35, a squeaker for Sanders. That is,



Bernie Sanders supporters react to poll results during the Oregon primary election during a rally in Eugene on Tuesday.

if the superdelegates don't change their minds, which they are entitled to do.

U.S. Rep Peter DeFazio, D-Oregon, is unhappy with this system. DeFazio, a superdelegate by virtue of his position as a congressman, is staying out of the fray for now.

"Generally, I do not weigh in on contested primaries, and as long as the race for the Democratic nomination continues, I have no plans to do otherwise," DeFazio said in a statement Wednesday.

He was blunt about his feelings about the superdelegate system, implemented by the Democratic National Committee before the 1984 election to prevent candidates with little chance of winning the presidential election from being chosen as the party's nominee.

"I find the role of superdelegates undemocratic and they should not be a part of the nominating system," DeFazio said. "Instead, I would prefer to let the voters determine the results of presidential primary."

But superdelegate Karen Packer, who said she came out for Clinton Tuesday night at her campaign headquarters in Portland, makes no bones about her choice.

"I've been a Hillary supporter all along," Packer told the AP from Philadelphia. "I was an Obama delegate in 2008 and 2012. In my mind it's Hillary's turn."

She said the system adds value and aims to unify the party behind the best candidate.

"We are charged with supporting the candidate that we feel is best prepared and best qualified to win the presidency in November and run the country," she added. "There's no question in my mind that she fills that description far better than her opponent."

Superdelegate Lupita Maurer came out for Sanders after his win on Tuesday, and was delighted to do so.

"I believe I have to represent the majority of voters in Oregon, and so I will vote for him at the convention," she told AP Wednesday.

Maurer, who has dual US-Mexican citizenship, added: "I am from Mexico City, and to me he has done an outstanding job of standing up for the Latino community."

However, she is not a fan of the superdelegate system.

"It's outdated," she said. "We should just get rid of the delegate system completely."

BRIEFLY

Bend's population jumps 3.4 percent

BEND (AP) — Bend's population jumped about 3.4 percent between 2014 and 2015, making it one of Oregon's fastest growing cities.

The Bulletin reports that according to a U.S. Census Bureau population estimate

released Thursday, Bend is the seventh fastest growing city in Oregon. The city's population as of July was estimated to be just more than 87,000.

Millersburg, located about 20 miles south of Salem, was the fastest growing city with a 7.8 percent increase in population.

Gov. directs cease and desist order to glass company

PORTLAND (AP) — Gov. Kate Brown has directed that a Portland glass company to stop using several air pollutants, including lead, after monitoring at a nearby

daycare showed lead levels four times higher than the 24-hour benchmark.

The state Department of Environmental Quality issued Brown's order to Bullseye Glass on Thursday.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality announced Feb. 3 it discovered hazardous levels in the air near Bullseye.

Corporate sales tax will be on Nov. ballot

By **PARIS ACHEN**
Capital Bureau

SALEM — The union-backed Our Oregon has surpassed the threshold for signatures required to place a corporate sales tax measure on November's ballot.

The campaign has collected 125,000 signatures and plans to submit the last batch to the Oregon secretary of state's office Friday, May 20, for verification, said Our Oregon spokeswoman Katherine Driessen.

Only 88,184 signatures are required to place the measure on the ballot.

"Everyone is pretty thrilled, and it is a real showing of support for our campaign," Driessen said. "Our volunteers are fanning out around the state and really talking to voters everywhere and feeling the goal of the campaign resonates with Oregon citizens."

The next step for the campaign is to build support for the measure, she said. Supporters hope to see the \$5.2 billion in biennial revenue from the tax go toward education, health care and senior services.

Business groups have strongly opposed the measure, saying the tax will drive up consumer prices and erode private sector jobs.

The Legislative Revenue Office is scheduled to report on the projected impacts of the corporate tax during legislative hearings Monday, May 23.

The report will examine the effects on wages, private and public sector employment, prices and other economic indicators.

Often referred to as a gross receipts tax, the 2.5 percent levy would apply to certain corporations with annual sales exceeding

\$25 million. The tax would affect about 1,000 of Oregon's 30,000 corporations, said Legislative Revenue Officer Paul Warner.

But business leaders said the trickle-down effect of the tax — in the form of higher prices — will hurt consumers, employees and businesses of every size.

"Everywhere you have a gross receipts tax of this nature the consensus among economists is who pays it is you and me and small business and families, and we think that picture will be painted very vividly on Monday — that Oregon families are going to be paying this \$5.2 billion tax increase," said Ryan Deckert, president of the Oregon Business Association.

Gov. Kate Brown and Speaker of the House Tina Kotek, D-Portland, declined to hold a special session this year to negotiate a more moderate alternative to the steep tax increase.

Sen. Mark Hass, D-Beaverton, proposed an alternative during the February legislative session, but his bill never reached the floor of either legislative chamber.

"I think after Monday it will start to get real," Hass said of the upcoming report. "I think there is a chance for a compromise, and I think there is an opportunity for sensible people to get together to look at coming up with an alternative to what is going to be a very contentious, divisive campaign."

Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, said in April that he is working on alternative to the tax measure but did not return repeated calls for details from the Pamplin Media Group/EO Media Group Capital Bureau.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A t-storm in spots in the p.m.	A shower or t-storm in spots	Mostly cloudy with a shower	Variable cloudiness	A couple of showers possible
63° 47°	60° 48°	63° 46°	65° 44°	71° 45°

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST		HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST	
63°	47°	65°	49°
60°	48°	69°	50°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH LOW

Yesterday 65° 47°

Normals 72° 48°

Records 90° (1929) 31° (2003)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.02"

Month to date 0.96"

Normal month to date 0.75"

Year to date 5.36"

Last year to date 4.34"

Normal year to date 5.90"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH LOW

Yesterday 68° 50°

Normals 74° 48°

Records 96° (1954) 30° (2003)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace

Month to date 1.22"

Normal month to date 0.69"

Year to date 4.20"

Last year to date 3.04"

Normal year to date 4.71"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:18 a.m.

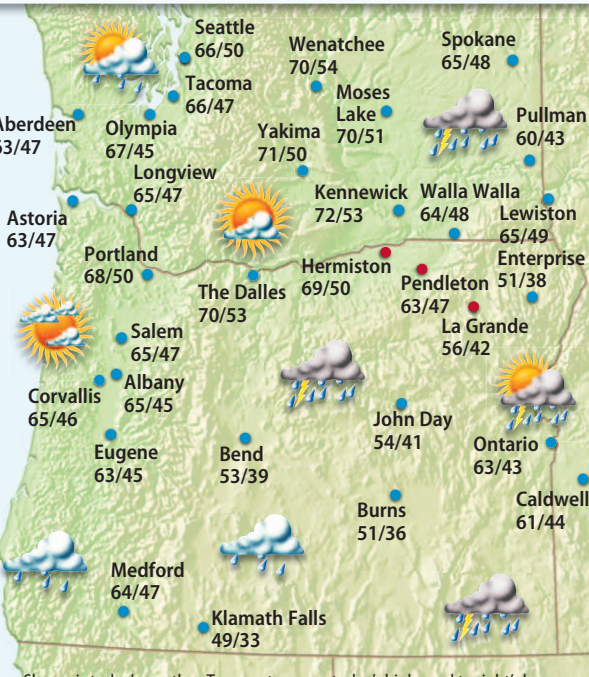
Sunset tonight 8:26 p.m.

Moonrise today 7:20 p.m.

Moonset today 5:03 a.m.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: A blend of sun and clouds today; showers near the Idaho border and in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: A couple of showers and a thunderstorm today.

Western Washington: Clouds and sun today; an isolated afternoon shower. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight.

Eastern Washington: Partial sunshine today; showers near the Idaho border and in the mountains.

Cascades: Mostly cloudy today with showers, most numerous this afternoon. Snow level 4,500 feet.

Northern California: Rather cloudy today. A little snow interior mountains; a spotty storm in central parts.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	63	47	pc	61	50	c
Baker City	55	37	c	55	33	pc
Bend	53	39	t	56	38	pc
Brookings	58	48	c	59	50	c
Burns	51	36	t	52	30	pc
Enterprise	51	38	t	53	38	t
Eugene	63	45	pc	65	49	sh
Heppner	59	44	pc	56	43	pc
Hermiston	69	50	pc	65	50	pc
John Day	54	41	t	55	42	pc
Klamath Falls	49	33	sh	53	34	t
La Grande	56	42	t	57	42	t
Meacham	54	40	t	54	41	t
Medford	64	47	sh	66	47	t
Newport	56	46	pc	57	50	c
North Bend	60	49	pc	62	52	c
Ontario	63	43	t	64	40	t
Pasco	72	50	pc	65	48	c
Pendleton	63	47	c	60	48	pc
Portland	68	50	pc	64	51	sh
Redmond	57	39	t	55	35	pc
Salem	65	47	pc	65	49	sh
Spokane	65	48	pc	59	44	r
Ukiah	52	39	t	51	39	pc
Vancouver	66	49	pc	62	51	sh
Walla Walla	64	48	c	60	47	pc
Yakima	71	50	pc	64	48	sh

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	85	53	s	86	54	s
Hong Kong	85	77	sh	85	78	r
Jerusalem	74	58	s	80	64	pc
London	66	54	pc	64	52	c
Mexico City	84	55	t	83	55	t
Moscow	58	46	r	57	45	r
Paris	67	53	pc	75	58	pc
Rome	73	57	pc	79	56	pc
Seoul	87	60	pc	85	59	pc
Sydney	74	56	s	72	56	c
Tokyo	70	59	pc	76	64	sh

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	NNE 4-8	W 7-14
Pendleton	NNW 6-12	WSW 7-14

UV INDEX TODAY

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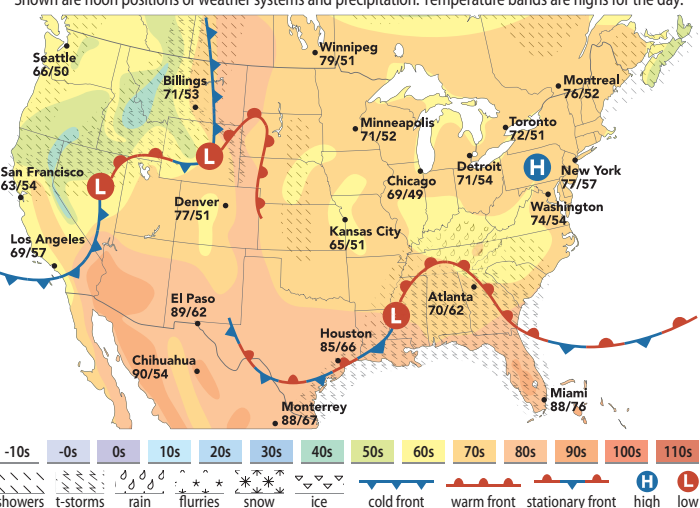
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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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



National Summary: Rain and thunderstorms will soak the Tennessee Valley to the Deep South today. Showers, storms, cool air and gusty winds will affect a large part of the West. Showers will dot the central Plains.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 101° in Imperial, Calif. Low 26° in Grants, N.M.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	80	55	s	82	52	pc
Atlanta	70	62	r	77	58	pc
Atlanta City	67	52	pc	59	51	r
Baltimore	73	52	pc	57	50	r
Billings	71	53	pc	74	49	pc
Birmingham	75	63	r	80	58	pc
Boise	61	45	t	60	42	t
Boston	70	56	t	70	52	pc
Charleston, SC	78	68	c	83	63	t
Chicago, IL	73	56	r	65	50	pc
Chicago						