

**AccuWeather.com Forecast**

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly sunny	Clouds and sunshine	Partial sunshine	More clouds than sunshine	Mostly cloudy

**PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**

78°	49°	71°	48°	66°	39°	66°	42°	65°	42°
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**HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**

82°	51°	75°	49°	70°	38°	70°	42°	70°	45°
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**ALMANAC**

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

**TEMPERATURE**

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 75°	47°
Normals 72°	46°
Records 92° (1918)	27° (1911)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.68"  
Normal month to date 0.51"  
Year to date 8.07"  
Last year to date 5.82"  
Normal year to date 8.93"

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

**TEMPERATURE**

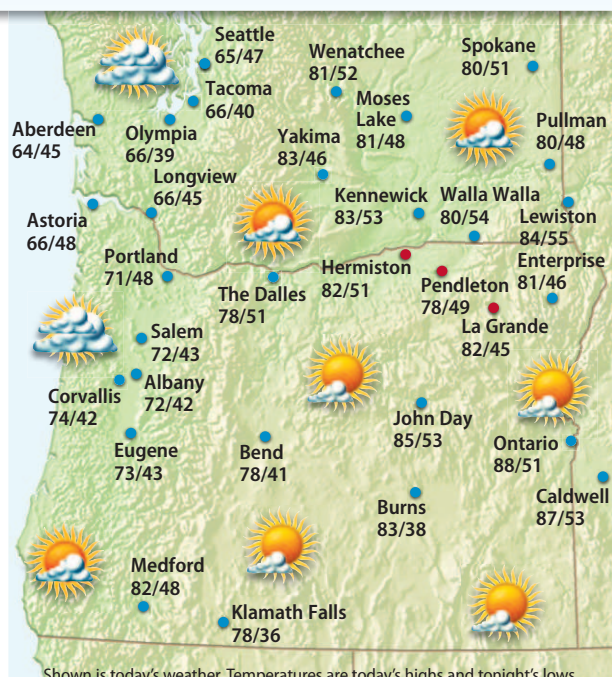
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 79°	48°
Normals 74°	44°
Records 89° (1994)	31° (2015)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.45"  
Normal month to date 0.40"  
Year to date 5.44"  
Last year to date 3.48"  
Normal year to date 6.55"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today	6:51 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:39 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:26 a.m.
Moonsset today	6:17 p.m.

New First Full Last  
Sep 30 Oct 8 Oct 15 Oct 22



**REGIONAL FORECAST**

**Coastal Oregon:** Clouds and sun today. Partly cloudy tonight; a passing shower in the south.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Sunshine and patchy clouds today; very warm in the south and upper Treasure Valley.

**Western Washington:** Intervals of clouds and sunshine today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.

**Eastern Washington:** Partly sunny today. A shower in places tonight, except a shower near the Idaho border.

**Cascades:** Partly sunny today, Partly cloudy tonight. Cooler in the south tomorrow.

**Northern California:** Low clouds followed by sunshine at the coast today; sunny elsewhere.

**REGIONAL CITIES**

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	66	48	c	64	50	c
Baker City	83	39	t	80	41	pc
Bend	78	41	pc	67	35	pc
Brookings	63	49	pc	61	49	c
Burns	83	38	s	76	35	s
Enterprise	81	46	pc	76	42	pc
Eugene	73	43	pc	67	46	pc
Heppner	78	45	pc	72	41	pc
Hermiston	82	51	pc	75	49	pc
John Day	85	53	s	78	47	pc
Klamath Falls	78	36	s	67	29	pc
La Grande	82	45	pc	78	43	pc
Meacham	79	43	pc	74	41	pc
Medford	82	48	s	73	44	pc
Newport	61	46	c	59	50	c
North Bend	64	49	c	64	50	c
Ontario	88	51	s	87	50	pc
Pasco	83	50	pc	77	48	pc
Pendleton	78	49	pc	71	48	pc
Portland	71	48	pc	68	51	pc
Redmond	81	39	pc	71	33	pc
Salem	72	43	pc	67	48	pc
Spokane	80	51	pc	73	46	pc
Ukiah	78	42	pc	73	37	pc
Vancouver	69	44	pc	66	51	pc
Walla Walla	80	54	pc	74	51	pc
Yakima	83	46	pc	77	41	pc

**WORLD CITIES**

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	71	48	s	76	54	s
Hong Kong	81	73	r	82	76	pc
Jerusalem	79	61	s	80	62	s
London	66	50	r	63	50	sh
Mexico City	71	54	t	73	54	t
Moscow	48	46	c	57	50	r
Paris	75	52	s	62	48	t
Rome	77	56	s	76	60	pc
Seoul	74	62	c	74	61	c
Sydney	70	56	r	66	56	sh
Tokyo	80	67	r	73	68	pc

**WINDS**

	Today	Friday
Boardman	SW 3-6	WSW 6-12
Pendleton	WNW 4-8	NW 6-12

**UV INDEX TODAY**

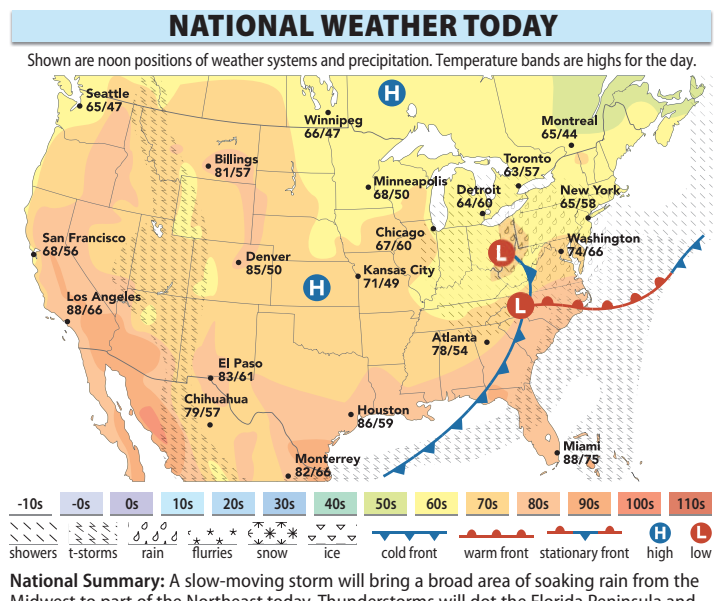
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8 a.m., 10 a.m., Noon 2 p.m., 4 p.m., 6 p.m.

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

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

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**NATIONAL CITIES**

	Today			Fri.			Today			Fri.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Albuquerque	82	57	pc	79	56	pc	Louisville	68	54	sh	71	58	sh
Atlanta	78	54	s	76	56	s	Memphis	76	59	s	77	60	pc
Atlanta City	70	65	r	70	66	r	Miami	88	75	pc	88	76	t
Baltimore	71	62	r	70	63	sh	Millwaukee	67	58	c	64	58	r
Birmingham	81	57	pc	81	56	s	Minneapolis	68	50	s	71	55	s
Boise	78	54	s	78	55	s	Nashville	68	52	pc	71	54	c
Boston	80	54	c	58	54	r	New Orleans	89	69	s	83	69	s
Charlotte, SC	86	69	t	85	66	pc	New York City	65	58	r	65	59	r
Charlotte, WV	71	56	sh	72	51	sh	Oklahoma City	72	48	s	75	52	s
Chicago	67	60	sh	66	58	sh	Omaha	71	47	s	74	52	s
Cleveland	73	61	r	72	59	r	Philadelphia	69	61	r	71	63	r
Dallas	77	56	s	79	57	s	Phoenix	95	76	t	95	74	s
Denver	85	50	pc	79	51	pc	Portland, ME	63	44	pc	61	47	c
Detroit	64	60	sh	66	60	r	Providence	63	54	c	64	56	r
El Paso	83	61	pc	81	60	r	Raleigh	81	66	t	84	64	sh
Fairbanks	47	30	pc	50	31	s	Rapid City	80	53	s	81	51	pc
Fargo	69	47	s	72	49	pc	Reno	84	53	s	79	53	s
Honolulu	85	75	pc	86	74	pc	Sacramento	83	52	s	76	48	pc
Houston	86	59	s	82	60	r	St. Louis	73	61	pc	73	61	c
Indianapolis	68	56	sh	67	53	sh	Salt Lake City	79	58	pc	78	58	pc
Jacksonville	88	65	t	87	65	sh	San Diego	83	68	s	80	67	pc
Kansas City	71	49	s	73	53	s	San Francisco	68	56	pc	68	55	pc
Las Vegas	88	69	pc	90	70	s	Seattle	65	47	pc	63	50	pc
Little Rock	79	59	s	80	59	pc	Tucson	90	67	t	91	65	pc
Los Angeles	88	66	s	85	64	pc	Washington, DC	74	66	r	72	67	sh
							Wichita	70	47	s	74	49	s

**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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# Rep. Barreto submits legislation to close campaign loophole in ethics law

La Grande Observer

SALEM — Following recent reports of a public official using his office to solicit a campaign contribution, Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Cove, submitted legislation Monday seeking to make it explicitly clear that public offices may not be used for campaign purposes under Oregon's ethics statutes.

Barreto's legislative concept seeks to clarify and strengthen existing Oregon ethics laws and make clear that public officials may not use state funds, employees, resources, time, computer systems or anything that might otherwise be considered a public asset for any election campaign purpose, including fundraising. Barreto's drafted bill request specifically cites using a state email account to solicit a campaign contribution as an

action that should be prohibited under state ethics laws.

"Recent events have made clear that Oregon's ethics laws do not go for enough in preventing elected officials from using their official offices for campaign purposes," Barreto said. "This legislation will help clarify the laws already on the books and make sure that our ethical standards reflect the expectations of the Oregonians we were sworn to serve."

Coordinating fundraisers and soliciting campaign contributions through an official public office is widely considered an unethical practice. Recently, Rep. Paul Evans, D-Salem, was exposed for using his state email account to solicit a contribution to his election campaign



Barreto

fund. Evans sent the solicitation in direct response to a basic request for a meeting related to legislative business. Emails related to the incident appear to show Evans suggesting that attending a campaign fundraiser may be a factor in whether or not an organization requesting a legislative meeting is granted that request.

As currently interpreted, Oregon's ethics statutes do not provide clear rules regarding this type of behavior. Barreto's proposed legislation would address this ethical loophole and strengthen state laws to reflect the expectations of Oregonians. According to a recent study by the Center for Public Integrity, Oregon ranks as one of the worst states in the nation for holding public

officials accountable. The report, which was released last year, ranked Oregon 44th out of 50 states in terms of ethics and public records laws. It says state officials and lawmakers have failed to address profound weaknesses revealed by the allegations that forced former Gov. John Kitzhaber from office in February 2015.

The report, written by Lee van der Voo, a freelancer for *The New York Times* who covered Kitzhaber's resignation, blasted the Oregon Government Ethics Commission for being slow to respond to media reports that Kitzhaber and his fiancée, Sylvia Hayes, might have used their public roles to profit Hayes' private environmental consulting business.

Barreto's legislation will be formally introduced at the beginning of the 2017 legislative session.

# DHS sued to block placement of children in hotels, offices

By CLAIRE WITHCOMBE  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — A federal lawsuit filed Tuesday to stop the Oregon Department of Human Services from placing foster children temporarily in hotels and offices alleges the practice inflicts emotional trauma on kids and violates their civil rights.

The lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Portland on behalf of two children represented by a temporary court guardian, alleges DHS denied them due process and violated both federal and state civil rights laws.

The plaintiffs seek class action status for the lawsuit, which would extend the complaint to similarly placed foster children.

The lawsuit also criticizes the evidently recent trend of DHS placing more of its charges in hotels, and what plaintiffs characterize as the department's broader history of "placement instability" for many children in its care.

"The state has removed these children from their homes despite not having any home to move them to," the

lawsuit states in an introduction. "As experts in the field agree, the state's practice of rendering foster children functionally homeless is unconscionable. It is also unlawful."

A DHS spokeswoman, Andrea Cantu-Schomus, said in an email Tuesday that the department does not comment on pending litigation.

Department officials have previously said that the number of available beds for children and youth in the substitute care system has decreased in recent years.

At least 63 children have been placed in hotels in 2016, with the vast majority of them — 60 — placed since June, according to the lawsuit.

The lawsuit claims the department failed to meet its obligation to the two children, who are protected under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Rehabilitation Act and Oregon's anti-discrimination statute because of their respective mental health diagnoses.

Both Ed Johnson, an attorney for the Oregon Law Center, and Angela Sherbo, an attorney for Youth Rights Justice Partnership, referred

inquiries about the lawsuit to Richard Vangelisti, the plaintiffs' guardian ad litem.

Vangelisti represents two children, ages 4 and 6, as a temporary guardian in the civil rights matters raised in the lawsuit.

The 4-year-old, who has been diagnosed with adjustment disorder, was removed from a foster home after more than two years there, after she had "very severe meltdowns" or "rages."

The 6-year-old, who, according to the lawsuit, entered DHS care after repeated reports of abuse by her mother, suffers from several disorders, including post-traumatic stress, anxiety and adjustment disorders.

She was placed in at least eight different locations and had at least 20 caregivers in her first two months of DHS custody, according to the lawsuit.

Reiterating the claims of the lawsuit, Vangelisti said Tuesday that the condition of the children was likely to be exacerbated by the impermanency of their living arrangements.

"Obviously, children in

foster care are some of the most vulnerable children in our society, and it's likely that perhaps as much as 75 percent of children who are not placed are suffering from some kind of emotional, behavioral or cognitive problem," Vangelisti said. "And so when DHS chooses not to put them in placement with a family member, relative, caregiver or certified foster home, and then, in turn, put them in a hotel or an office, it exacerbates those underlying problems that the children have."

Vangelisti said that it's possible that the number of Oregon children in these short-term placements is underreported, based on information DHS has released publicly and on news reports this summer.

The lawsuit states another child — not a plaintiff in the lawsuit — was placed in a juvenile detention facility in Deschutes County for almost a month, despite having no criminal charges, and that the Washington County DHS branch converted part of its visitation center in the district office so children could stay there overnight.

**Corrections**

An article in Wednesday's Fall Home Improvement Guide omitted the full title of Pendleton master gardener Jim Willis. Willis is a master gardener through the Oregon State University Extension Service Master Gardener Program.

While in Pendleton, Port of Portland officials told the *East Oregonian* that there was no possibility that Pendleton travelers would not have to go through airport security. But on Wednesday, officials said that Boutique may be able to fly from the general aviation portion of the airport, which would not require passengers go through security.

A member exchange story about Oregon's public pension deficit, published Sept. 22 in the *East Oregonian*, reported erroneously the actions of Rukaiyah Adams, the vice chair of the Oregon Investment Council. She made an impassioned appeal for Oregon leaders to address the fund's deficit, not pass it onto taxpayers, and she did not break down in tears. The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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