

Brown retains seat in governor's office

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

After winning her first elected term, Gov. Kate Brown faces a challenging two years in which she will have to address an estimated \$1.4 billion revenue shortfall and pressure to pass a transportation package.

While voters sent Brown back to the Governor's Office with 51 percent support as of late Tuesday night, they defeated a \$6 billion corporate sales tax measure that would have paid for both of those costs. Pierce received 43 percent of the vote.

Brown endorsed Measure 97, which would have levied a 2.5 percent tax on certain corporations' Oregon sales exceeding \$25 million.

In her speech Tuesday, she didn't address how she plans to address the revenue shortfall, and her spokesman did not respond to a message Tuesday seeking more details on her post-Measure 97 plan. Other lawmakers said Tuesday they plan to propose



Oregon Gov. Kate Brown speaks to the crowd of supporters after being elected at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland on Tuesday.

AP Photo/Steve Dykes

a more "reasonable" revenue package in 2017. Brown will have a Democratic majority in the House and Senate, which likely will make a potential revenue package easier to attain.

"I am so honored to be serving as your governor for the next two years, Brown told a crowd at the Oregon Convention Center Tuesday. "Thank you so very much. I will fight to make sure

that our schools open the doors of opportunity for all of our students, I will fight to make sure our economy grows in every single corner of the state, and I will fight to preserve the bounty of Oregon for generations to come."

As former secretary of state, Brown was next in line to the Governor's Office when Gov. John Kitzhaber resigned in February 2015 over an influence-peddling scandal. She and Pierce, a Salem physician and political novice, sought to complete the last two years of Kitzhaber's four-year term. Brown will be eligible to run for another term in 2018.

Her first initiative as governor — to pass a \$343.5 million transportation package in 2015 — failed to gain momentum after the Department of Transportation provided faulty numbers on some of the projects. Brown pushed back the transportation package to 2017. A legislative group continues to look at potential packages for next session, which likely would involve an increase in the gas tax.

Read likely to be next Treasurer

SALEM — Tobias Read, the Democratic candidate for state treasurer, appeared to narrowly win the three-way contest for the state's top financial steward just before 11 p.m. Tuesday.

Read, Speaker Pro Tem of the Oregon House and a state representative since 2006, said along the campaign trail that he would bring the state's investments back "in-house" instead of outsourcing them to investment firms out of state; expand access to the state's college savings plan; and make publicly accessible the reasoning behind the state's investment decisions.

He also emphasized infrastructure and said he'd "re-focus" the state on such investments.

Richardson poised to become secretary of state

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SALEM — In the tight race for Oregon Secretary of State, Republican candidate Dennis Richardson appeared close to victory, likely clinching a statewide office for the Republican Party for the first time in decades.

At about 10:30 p.m., Richardson gave an optimistic speech at a gathering of the Oregon Republican Party in Salem, after The Oregonian/OregonLive called the race in Richardson's favor.

"It's a new beginning," Richardson said. "It's a new Oregon."

Richardson maintained that he wanted to run the office in a nonpartisan fashion. He also said he wanted to help businesses to come to Oregon, review the office's elections division and make the state more accountable and transparent.

The contest for the state's top auditor and elections official became heated between Richardson and his Democratic opponent, Brad Avakian.

The last Republican Secretary of State in Oregon



Anna Reed/Statesman-Journal via AP

Oregon Secretary of State candidate Dennis Richardson speaks Tuesday during the Oregon Republican Party Election Night Party at the Salem Convention Center.

was Norma Paulus, who served two terms ending in January 1985. Tony Meeker, who was elected treasurer, was the last Republican to hold a statewide state office. His term expired in 1993.

The mood was ebullient at the Republican Party's election night party, where Chair Bill Currier addressed the crowd, saying, "You are part of a growing movement."

Richardson, a former state legislator who ran against former Gov. John Kitzhaber in 2014, served six terms as

a state representative from Central Point.

Avakian, the state's labor commissioner, entered the state legislature the same year as Richardson — 2003.

Avakian was appointed the nonpartisan head of the state's Bureau of Labor and Industries in 2008.

Backed by a diverse coalition, Avakian attacked Richardson's conservative record on abortion, gay marriage and immigration.

The labor commissioner also criticized Richardson's

support while in the legislature for stricter voter identification measures.

Richardson, meanwhile, criticized what he and others characterized as Avakian's over-broad interpretation of the office of secretary of state.

Avakian sought to promote civics education in public schools, audit government agencies to see whether women and men were being paid equally for equal work, and advocate for renewable energy projects on state land.

As the state's top auditor, Richardson could potentially confront the details of some of the state's most recent major failures — such as the state's health insurance exchange, the troubled foster care system and the Columbia River Crossing.

Richardson said Tuesday evening, prior to closure of Oregon ballot drop locations, that he would prioritize audits of the state's schools and foster care system.

Currier, chair of the Oregon Republican Party, said in remarks at a party gathering in Salem that the performance of Republican candidates in three statewide elections —

for Governor, Secretary of State and Treasurer — represented the growing strength and popularity of the party regardless of who won.

"America's experiencing something called corruption fatigue, and we're doing something about it," Currier said.

He later said that the state's Republican candidates have focused on "transparency, accountability and integrity."

Kevin Mannix, a former state legislator, gubernatorial candidate and former chair of the Oregon Republican Party, said before any races were called Tuesday evening that while he was "anxious" about this year's election, that in future years, he felt that

"quiet" Trump supporters in Oregon might start to vote Republican further down the ballot in greater numbers.

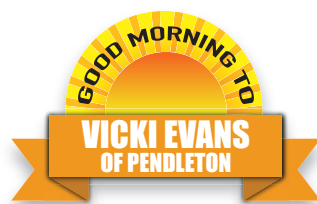
"They're going to have to find ways to work with us," said Rep. Julie Parrish, R-Tualatin/West Linn, of Democratic legislators.

Three other candidates sought office, but came out behind — Alan Zundel of the Pacific Green Party, Sharon Durbin of the Libertarian Party and Michael Marsh of the Constitutional Party.

Current Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins was appointed to the post in 2015 once her predecessor, Kate Brown, ascended to the governorship after Kitzhaber's resignation.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly sunny and pleasant	Sunny to partly cloudy	Rather cloudy	Partly sunny	Thickening clouds
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
63° 41°	56° 41°	58° 44°	59° 39°	55° 43°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
64° 39°	59° 40°	58° 43°	60° 37°	57° 41°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
60°	39°
Normals 53°	35°
Records 68° (1995)	20° (1936)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.19"
Normal month to date	0.32"
Year to date	10.58"
Last year to date	6.94"
Normal year to date	10.35"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
62°	39°
Normals 54°	34°
Records 71° (1978)	11° (1936)

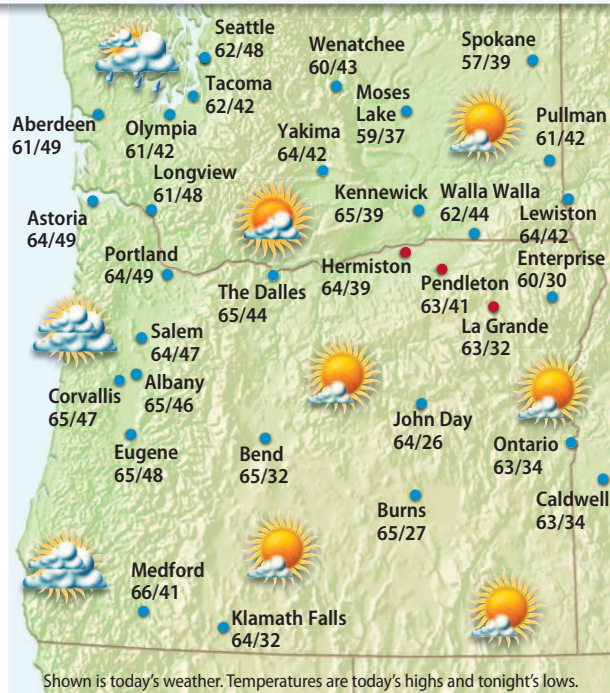
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.09"
Normal month to date	0.29"
Year to date	7.42"
Last year to date	4.74"
Normal year to date	7.60"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:47 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:31 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:06 p.m.
Moonset today	12:31 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 29	Dec 7



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Cloudy this morning, then sun and clouds this afternoon; a shower across the north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny today; pleasant across the north. Mainly clear tonight.

Western Washington: Cloudy this morning with showers around, then clouds and sun this afternoon.

Eastern Washington: Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight.

Cascades: Partly sunny and warmer today. A shower across the north; pleasant in central parts.

Northern California: Clouds giving way to some sun at the coast today; mostly sunny elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	64	49	pc	63	52	c
Baker City	62	27	s	60	35	s
Bend	65	32	pc	62	37	s
Brookings	65	50	pc	62	52	pc
Burns	63	27	s	63	28	s
Enterprise	60	30	s	59	39	s
Eugene	65	48	pc	62	46	pc
Heppner	62	39	s	54	40	s
Hermiston	64	39	s	59	40	s
John Day	64	26	s	60	29	s
Klamath Falls	64	32	s	65	33	s
La Grande	63	32	s	62	40	s
Meacham	62	31	s	61	38	s
Medford	66	41	pc	65	43	pc
Newport	63	51	pc	62	52	pc
North Bend	65	50	pc	63	51	pc
Ontario	63	34	s	61	35	s
Pasco	64	39	s	59	40	s
Pendleton	63	41	s	56	41	s
Portland	64	49	sh	63	49	pc
Redmond	66	34	pc	64	41	pc
Salem	64	47	sh	61	47	pc
Spokane	57	39	s	56	41	s
Ukiah	62	30	s	60	37	s
Vancouver	63	47	sh	62	47	pc
Walla Walla	62	44	s	56	45	s
Yakima	64	42	pc	61	41	pc

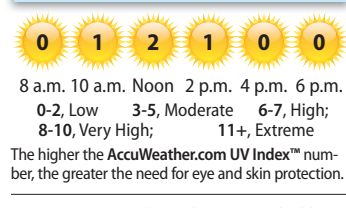
WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	52	38	pc	54	27	pc
Hong Kong	76	62	pc	69	64	pc
Jerusalem	77	57	pc	76	57	pc
London	46	39	c	50	36	sh
Mexico City	66	55	pc	66	53	pc
Moscow	28	20	c	38	31	sn
Paris	50	43	r	50	39	sh
Rome	60	48	pc	63	49	pc
Seoul	45	32	s	51	43	s
Sydney	70	62	sh	77	65	sh
Tokyo	57	48	pc	55	49	c

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thurs
Boardman	WSW 3-6	WSW 3-6
Pendleton	WNW 3-6	N 3-6

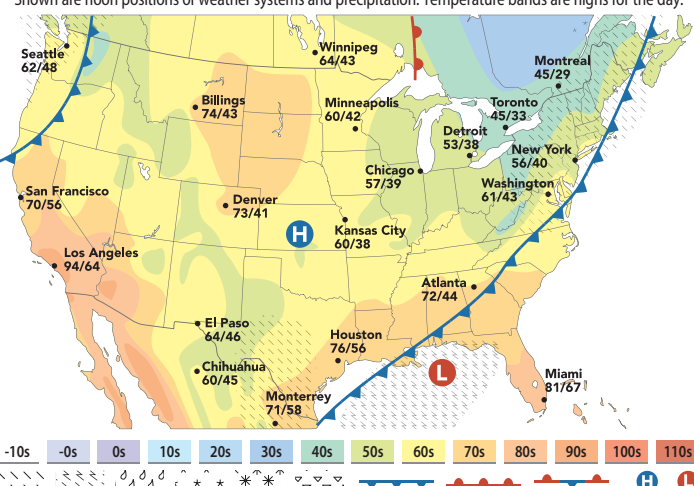
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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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



NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	62	37	s	58	38	s
Atlanta	72	44	pc	71	45	s
Atlanta City	61	41	sh	60	46	s
Baltimore	60	38	sh	61	40	s
Billings	74	43	s	61	37	s
Birmingham	72	42	pc	72	41	s
Boston	67	41	s	65	45	s
Boston	59	38	c	52	42	pc
Charleston, SC	76	46	pc	68	44	s
Chicago, IL	53	37	sh	59	39	s
Chicago	57	39	s	65	42	s
Cleveland	53	39	pc	60	47	s
Dallas	67	52	pc	69	54	pc
Denver	73	41	s	67	32	s
Detroit	53	38	s	60	44	s
El Paso	64	46	pc	63	45	pc
Fairbanks	20	11	pc	29	14	c
Fargo	69	43	s	58	32	s
Honolulu	82	69	pc	84	71	s
Houston	76	56	c	74	53	c
Indianapolis	55	38	s	62	44	s
Jacksonville	74	51	pc	72	45	s
Kansas City	60	38	s	67	43	s
Las Vegas	80	58	s	78	57	s
Little Rock	67	39	pc	66	41	s
Los Angeles	94	64	s	90	61	s
Louisville	60	41	s	65	45	s
Memphis	65	43	pc	67	45	s