

Oregon joins travel ban lawsuit, citing ‘harm’ to state

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Capital Bureau

Oregon’s Department of Justice has filed court papers seeking to join Washington’s lawsuit challenging President Donald Trump’s temporary travel ban on citizens from seven predominantly Muslim countries.

“The executive order has caused — and threatens to further cause — harm to Oregon and its residents, employers, agencies, educational institutions, health care system and economy. Moreover, the executive order forces Oregon to violate its own laws against discrimination, frustrating Oregon’s sovereign interest

in providing a welcoming home to people from all over the world,” according to the justice department’s motion.

State officials argued that the travel ban could cause a shortage of physicians and medical residents, drain international tuition dollars from universities and strip the state’s technology industry of talent. Out of Oregon’s \$92 billion investment portfolio, about \$19 million comes from technology companies, who have expressed alarm about the impact the ban will have on their highly-skilled workers who often come from overseas.

“That disruption also affects Oregon as a share-

holder,” State Treasurer Tobias Read wrote in a declaration to the court.

About 165 of Oregon State University’s 3,529 international students are citizens of the countries affected by the travel ban. The ban affects 59 of Portland State University’s more than 1,900 international students. International students contributed about 13 percent of PSU’s net tuition and fees for 2015-16. “Their tuition revenue will be lost if they are unable to travel to Oregon,” according to the lawsuit.

The ban would threaten the state’s ability to attract and retain physicians to practice in rural and underserved areas through the J-1 visa

program. Likewise, Oregon Health & Science University officials reported the ban affects six of their medical residents and the ability to replace them is unlikely.

“The loss of even one resident to a program carries a very high risk of an adverse impact on OHSU’s ability to provide the patient care that the state of Oregon and Oregonians need,” according to court documents.

Trump’s executive order, signed Jan. 27, indefinitely bans Syrian refugees and temporarily blocks other refugees and citizens of seven majority-Muslim countries from entering the United States. The order came after Trump promised

during his campaign a “total and complete shutdown of Muslims entering the United States,” according to court records.

Federal Judge James Robart in Seattle on Feb. 3 temporarily halted enforcement of the order nationwide after Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson argued that the order would harm his state’s interests. The state’s lawsuit also claims the order is unconstitutional because it discriminates on the basis of religion. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously upheld Robart’s temporary restraining order. Trump suggested he would appeal the case to the U.S. Supreme Court.

White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer called the appeals court’s decision “just a procedural ruling on the temporary restraining order.”

“We look forward to a full hearing on the merits of this case, and we feel very confident that we’re going to prevail,” Spicer said during a Facebook Live interview with Breitbart News.

A timeline for a decision on the state’s request to join Washington’s suit has not been set, said Kristina Edmunson, a spokeswoman for the department.

Since Washington sued the federal government, Minnesota officially signed onto the lawsuit and other states expressed interest.

Lawmakers consider boost to service industry worker rights

By KRISTENA HANSEN
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SALEM — Baristas, bartenders, seasonal workers and others in Oregon’s robust service industry are at the center of early discussions in Salem about whether to afford them guaranteed pay and more control over their work schedules.

State lawmakers are considering legislation that would require certain employers to honor employees’ preferred work hours and post employees schedules two weeks in advance, or otherwise pay a penalty wage for any changes.

Workers who are called in at the last-minute would also be paid at least four hours’ worth of wages if, by the fault of their boss, they were unable to work a full shift.

House Bill 2193 and Senate Bill 828 — packaged as sister proposals in both chambers, — are backed largely by workers’ rights groups and unions that sought to support their cause through a partnership study of irregular work schedules with the University of Oregon and Portland State University.

“Irregular scheduling acts as a poverty trap, for this generation and the next, as it actively diminishes the



In this 2014 file photo, Judy Unquera, a bartender at the Long Branch pours a beer at the bar in Monroe. Oregon lawmakers are considering proposals that would give baristas, bartenders, seasonal workers and others in the state’s service industry more control of their weekly schedules and guarantees of being paid despite scheduling issues.

ability of the working poor to pursue a second job or the education they need to pursue better-paid occupations, and to provide for consistent care for their children while they are working,” according to the partnership study, which the universities released Thursday.

Schedules posted or changed at the last minute, on-call shifts or a sudden drop in available hours after the busy holiday season imposes greater hardship on restaurant, retail, hotel and other

service-related employees, who are often earning minimum wage and juggling school and family lives, the study said.

The proposals, which are still in the early stages of debate at the Legislature, come a year after a contentious statewide minimum wage increase to nearly \$15 per hour by 2022 and this week’s rosy economic forecast by state economists indicating Oregon remained ahead of the nation in terms of job growth and unemployment last year.

BRIEFLY

Ryan Bundy interviewer fights subpoena in second trial

PORTLAND (AP) — U.S. District Judge Anna Brown will hear oral arguments Friday on the government’s attempt to compel a reporter to testify in the second trial for the occupation of a national wildlife refuge in Oregon.

The government wants former Oregon Public Broadcasting reporter John Sepulvado to authenticate his January 2016 recorded interview of Ryan Bundy during the takeover of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

An attorney for Sepulvado and Oregon Public Broadcasting filed a motion to quash the government’s subpoena. OPB attorney Duane Bosworth contends the compelled testimony would “chill future sources” for Sepulvado and other OPB reporters.

The ACLU of Oregon and Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press have filed briefs in support of OPB.

Trial began this week for four men who joined leaders Ryan and Ammon Bundy at last winter’s occupation of the refuge. A jury acquitted the Bundys last fall.

Washington State medical school receives accreditation

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — The new Washington State University College of Medicine reached another milestone this week when it was accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

The commission’s approval for WSU to include a Doctor of Medicine degree is effective in August, when the first class of medical students is scheduled to arrive in Spokane.

\$2M worth of meth seized at Portland, Gresham houses

PORTLAND (AP) — Deputies seized nearly 100 pounds of methamphetamine worth over \$2 million and arrested three people at residences in Portland and Gresham.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office said that investigators served search warrants Wednesday evening at the two homes, also seizing nearly 2 pounds of heroin, pills, a handgun and nearly \$30,000 in cash.

Sheriff’s Office spokesman Lt. Chad Gaidos says the amount of drugs recovered likely puts the bust in the top 10 drug seizures statewide by a police agency.

Detective Josh Zwick says the meth was imported from Mexico.

Alfredo Narcisco Pineda of Portland; Alejandro Lopez Gonzales of Gresham; and Celso Marroquin Benitez of Portland were booked into jail and face drug and gun charges.

Corrections

The *East Oregonian* misspelled the name of Milton-Freewater city councilor Ed Chesnut in a recent story. 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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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly cloudy and cold	Cold with periods of sun	Cloudy with a snow shower; cold	Mostly cloudy with a little snow	Partly sunny and cold

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST	
39°	21°
40°	27°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST	
41°	21°
44°	26°
42°	28°
42°	27°
44°	31°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	41°	28°
Normals	49°	31°
Records	66° (1921)	7° (1894)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 1.88"
Normal month to date 0.94"
Year to date 3.53"
Last year to date 2.33"
Normal year to date 2.32"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	46°	24°
Normals	51°	30°
Records	67° (1947)	14° (1928)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 1.57"
Normal month to date 0.79"
Year to date 3.26"
Last year to date 1.44"
Normal year to date 2.07"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:42 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:35 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:35 a.m.
Moonset today	3:48 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Feb 26	Mar 5	Mar 12	Mar 20

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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today; chilly.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today; a snow shower near the Idaho border and in the mountains.

Cascades: A little snow at times today, accumulating a coating to an inch.

Western Washington: A bit of rain today, mixed with snow early, but a rain or snow shower in central parts.

Northern California: Some sun today. A bit of snow in the interior mountains; a shower in central parts.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	44	32	r	46	35	pc
Baker City	35	15	pc	36	16	pc
Bend	34	13	c	36	20	c
Brookings	44	37	r	49	36	r
Burns	27	5	c	31	8	c
Enterprise	31	12	pc	29	15	pc
Eugene	44	27	r	47	32	pc
Heppner	36	17	c	38	23	pc
Hermiston	41	21	c	44	26	pc
John Day	32	14	c	32	21	pc
Klamath Falls	32	18	sf	37	13	c
La Grande	35	17	c	36	22	pc
Meacham	30	16	pc	31	19	pc
Medford	45	29	c	51	27	c
Newport	43	34	r	47	37	c
North Bend	47	37	r	51	37	c
Ontario	38	17	pc	37	19	pc
Pasco	44	20	c	44	28	pc
Pendleton	39	21	c	40	27	pc
Portland	43	27	r	44	33	s
Redmond	37	16	c	39	22	c
Salem	45	28	r	47	34	pc
Spokane	35	19	sf	34	25	pc
Ukiah	31	14	c	33	19	pc
Vancouver	44	24	r	43	35	pc
Walla Walla	41	22	c	40	29	pc
Yakima	40	21	c	44	27	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	52	28	s	55	28	s
Hong Kong	59	52	c	61	54	c
Jerusalem	61	43	s	63	44	r
London	47	41	pc	51	47	r
Mexico City	78	46	s	78	46	s
Moscow	37	25	sn	30	18	sf
Paris	48	33	pc	49	41	c
Rome	60	50	t	59	40	pc
Seoul	39	24	s	44	24	s
Sydney	79	70	pc	74	69	t
Tokyo	50	38	pc	52	41	s

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 3-6	WSW 4-8
Pendleton	W 4-8	WSW 3-6

UV INDEX TODAY

0	2	2	2	0	0
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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

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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

Shows: rain, showers, t-storms, rain, flurries, snow, ice

Fronts: cold front, warm front, stationary front

Pressure: H (high), L (low)

National Summary: Snow will bury part of the Upper Midwest today, while severe storms erupt over the Ohio Valley and lower Great Lakes. Snow will wind down over the northern Rockies as rain hugs the coastal Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 101° in Zapata, Texas **Low -3°** in Lake Yellowstone, Wyo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	50	24	s	54	34	s	Louisville	78	39	t	44	28	c
Atlanta	78	57	pc	83	36	pc	Memphis	75	39	t	53	32	s
Atlantic City	62	53	pc	61	37	r	Miami	81	64	pc	84	65	s
Baltimore	74	54	pc	70	31	r	Millwaukee	43	24	t	34	23	sf
Billings	32	20	sf	33	19	c	Minneapolis	29	17	sn	35	23	pc
Birmingham	80	46	pc	59	33	s	Nashville	80	40	pc	49	28	pc
Boise	38	20	pc	36	22	c	New Orleans	79	56	pc	69	49	s
Boston	60	50	c	60	37	c	New York City	68	56	pc	64	38	r
Charleston, SC	81	55	s	81	43	pc	Oklahoma City	55	25	pc	51	33	s
Chicago, IL	80	54	pc	54	27	sh	Omaha	31	14	sn	37	22	pc
Chicago	56	25	t	33	23	sf	Philadelphia	80	55	pc	68	35	r
Cleveland	78	47	c	48	28	r	Phoenix	63	42	s	67	47	s
Dallas	70	38	s	59	42	s	Portland, ME	46	39	r	50	33	sh
Denver	29	12	sf	36	16	pc	Providence	62	48	c	61	36	c
Detroit	67	39	t	40	26	sf	Raleigh	80	57	pc	79	36	t
El Paso	64	36	s	66	40	s	Rapid City	29	13	c	36	14	c
Fairbanks	33	24	sn	37	24	c	Reno	38	22	pc	38	23	c
Fargo	27	16	c	31	16	pc	Sacramento	55	35	pc	55	36	r
Honolulu	78	65	c	79	65	pc	St. Louis	70	29	pc	44	28	pc
Houston	84	48	pc	70	48	c	Salt Lake City	35	19	sn	36	18	c
Indianapolis	69	30	t	37	23	c	San Diego	62	47	s	64	53	pc
Jacksonville	80	56	pc	80	43	pc	San Francisco	54	43	pc	54	42	r
Kansas City	41	21	sf	43	29	pc	Seattle	45	31	c	45	37	pc
Las Vegas	55	39	s	60	43	pc	Tucson	63	37	s	69	41	s
Little Rock	72	34	s	54	31	s	Washington, DC	79	58	pc	71	36	r
Los Angeles	63	46	s	62	46	pc	Wichita	44	19	pc	48	29	s