

Legal challenges to Trump's travel ban mount from states

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SEATTLE — Legal challenges against President Donald Trump's revised travel ban mounted Thursday as Washington state said it would renew its request to block the executive order and a judge granted Oregon's request to join the case.

The events happened a day after Hawaii launched its own lawsuit, and Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson said New York state also asked to join his state's legal effort. Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey said the state is joining fellow states in challenging the revised travel ban.

Washington was the first state to sue over the original ban, which resulted in Judge James Robart in Seattle halting its implementation around the country. Ferguson said the state would ask Robart to rule that his temporary restraining order against the first ban applies to Trump's revised action.

"My message to President Trump is — not so fast," Ferguson told reporters. "After spending more than a month to fix a broken order that he rushed out the door, the President's new order reinstates several of the same provisions and has the same illegal motivations as the original."

Robart on Thursday granted Oregon's request to join Washington and Minnesota in the case opposing the travel ban.

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum said the executive order has hurt Oregon, its residents, employers, agencies, educational institutions, health care system and economy.

Trump's revised ban bars new visas for people from six predominantly Muslim countries: Somalia, Iran, Syria, Sudan, Libya and Yemen. It also temporarily shuts down the U.S. refugee program.

Unlike the initial order, the new one says current visa holders won't be affected, and removes language that



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson
Washington State Attorney General Bob Ferguson speaks at a news conference about the state's response to President Trump's revised travel ban Thursday in Seattle.

would give priority to religious minorities.

Hawaii Attorney General Douglas Chin said that the state could not stay silent on Trump's travel ban because of Hawaii's unique culture and history. Hawaii depends heavily on tourism, and the revised ban would hurt the state's economy, he said.

The courts need to hear "that there's a state where ethnic diversity is the norm, where people are welcomed with aloha and respect," Chin said.

He noted that the new travel ban order comes just after the 75th anniversary of the Feb. 19, 1942, executive order by President Franklin Roosevelt that sent Japanese Americans were sent to internment camps during World War II. That order was put in place after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Hawaii had an internment camp.

Ferguson said it's not the government, but the court, that gets to decide whether the revised order is different enough that it would not be covered by previous temporary restraining order.

"It cannot be a game of whack-a-mole for the court," he said.

White House spokesman Sean Spicer said Thursday the administration believed the revised travel ban will stand up to legal scrutiny.

"We feel very confident with how that was crafted

and the input that was given," Spicer said.

Ferguson said he was pleased that attorneys general from New York and Oregon had sought to take part in the legal action.

"We have a strong case and they are willing to join our efforts," he said of his fellow Democrats. New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman in a statement called the executive order "a Muslim ban by another name."

Other states that have filed briefs supporting Washington's initial lawsuit include California, Connecticut, Delaware, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia.

In his initial lawsuit Ferguson said the original ban was unconstitutional and hurt the state's businesses and universities.

A federal appellate court later upheld a temporary restraining order issued against the first travel ban.

The Trump administration says the old order will be revoked once the new one goes into effect on March 16.

In filing a lawsuit Wednesday night, Hawaii said the revised order would harm its Muslim population, tourism and foreign students.

Attorneys for Hawaii filed the lawsuit against the U.S. government in federal court in Honolulu. The state

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had previously sued over Trump's initial travel ban, but that lawsuit was put on hold while other cases played out across the country.

Hawaii's complaint says it is suing to protect its residents, businesses and schools, as well as its "sovereignty against illegal actions of President Donald J. Trump and the federal government."

Imam Ismail Elshikh of the Muslim Association of Hawaii is a plaintiff in the state's challenge. The ban will prevent his Syrian mother-in-law from visiting him, he said.

The imam is a U.S. citizen, has rights and would be prevented from seeing his mother-in-law, Chin said. The mother-in-law is awaiting approval of a visa to see her relatives in Hawaii.

The woman and others have become victims because of the ban's "standardless set of waivers and exceptions that weren't set by Congress," Chin said.

Hawaii's lawsuit challenging the travel ban focuses on damage to the state's economy and mainly tourism. Chin says the tourism angle is unique because the state relies heavily on visitors and Hawaii officials have a right to defend the economy.

He said people may fear traveling even within Hawaii because they would be forced to encounter a federal agent every time they get on a plane to visit a neighboring island.

Federally-owned hatchery up for bid

MEDFORD (AP) — A hatchery in southwest Oregon's Rogue River Basin is having its operations put up for competitive bidding.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and several private companies will be able to bid on the Cole Rivers hatchery next week, *The Mail Tribune* reported.

The hatchery is one of seven owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Oregon and operated by the department. The cooperative agreement allows the state to raise salmon, steelhead and trout as mitigation for wild fish habitat lost by the construction of Corps dams.

Federal officials have determined five of the hatcheries can likely remain under state operation, while the Leaburg Hatchery in

the Willamette Valley will be shut down. The hatchery will have its trout production put out for public bid to be raised for the Corps elsewhere, the agency said.

The decision to put Cole Rivers out to bid comes after the Corps announced last month that a review of its contracting rules found running mitigation hatcheries on a contract basis was more appropriate than the cooperative agreements.

The agreement for the state to run Cole Rivers expires June 30. The winning bidder would take over July 1 with a one-year contract that includes the potential for two one-year extensions.

The hatchery releases nearly 2.8 million salmon, steelhead and trout annually throughout the Rogue Basin.

Defendant's medical complaint interrupts standoff trial

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A medical complaint by a defendant with a history of health problems briefly interrupted a trial Thursday in Las Vegas for six men accused of wielding guns during a 2014 armed standoff between followers of Nevada rancher Cliven Bundy and federal agents.

An attorney for Gregory Burleson rose suddenly during testimony and told Chief U.S. District Judge Gloria Navarro that Burleson needed immediate attention.

Attorneys and spectators in the courtroom said Burleson became pale and his hands were shaking when the judge called a two-hour break.

Burleson, 53, of Arizona is blind, diabetic and uses a wheelchair. His attorney, Terrence Jackson, has argued several times for Burleson's release from jail, saying he wasn't getting

proper medical treatment.

During the break, Jackson told The Associated Press that Burleson has a history of seizures and felt that he was having another one.

When court reconvened, Burleson was back in the courtroom in his wheelchair, and Clark County Sheriff Joe Lombardo was back in the witness box.

The judge said medics checked Burleson and reported that his vital signs were normal but he might have been dehydrated.

Burleson and co-defendants Eric Parker, Orville Scott Drexler, Steven Stewart, Todd Engel and Richard Lovelien are the first of 17 defendants to stand trial in the standoff near the Bundy ranch, about 80 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

Each is accused of 10 charges including conspiracy, firearm offenses and assault on a federal officer.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Breezy with periods of sun	Spotty showers in the afternoon	Cloudy	Cloudy with a stray shower	Partly sunny with a shower
57° 36°	51° 41°	56° 43°	62° 47°	61° 46°
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
57° 36°	51° 41°	56° 43°	62° 47°	61° 46°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
61° 35°	52° 43°	60° 42°	65° 47°	65° 48°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	54°	41°
Normals	53°	34°
Records	77° (1916)	21° (1933)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.27"
Month to date 0.68"
Normal month to date 0.33"
Year to date 4.60"
Last year to date 2.96"
Normal year to date 2.84"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	50°	42°
Normals	56°	33°
Records	76° (2005)	16° (1933)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.08"
Month to date 0.25"
Normal month to date 0.29"
Year to date 3.71"
Last year to date 1.98"
Normal year to date 2.53"

SUN AND MOON

	Full	Last	New	First
Sunrise today	6:17 a.m.			
Sunset tonight	5:54 p.m.			
Moonrise today	4:08 p.m.			
Moonset today	5:22 a.m.			

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Cloudy today. Plenty of clouds tonight; a little rain across the north.

Eastern Washington: Mainly cloudy today; a bit of snow in the mountains.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Clouds and sun today; a shower in spots in the upper Treasure Valley in the morning.

Cascades: Cloudy today with a shower in spots. Plenty of clouds tonight.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today; a passing shower, but dry in central parts.

Northern California: Clouds and sun today. Partly cloudy tonight. Intervals of clouds and sun tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	50	39	c	52	45	r
Baker City	58	27	pc	54	37	c
Bend	54	35	c	56	38	c
Brookings	57	44	c	57	46	c
Burns	51	23	pc	53	29	c
Enterprise	51	28	pc	49	36	sh
Eugene	60	41	c	56	47	r
Heppner	56	35	pc	53	40	sh
Hermiston	61	35	pc	52	43	sh
John Day	58	39	pc	61	41	c
Klamath Falls	58	31	pc	58	33	c
La Grande	56	33	pc	52	40	sh
Meacham	53	32	c	52	39	sh
Medford	64	39	c	64	41	c
Newport	52	44	c	52	47	r
North Bend	57	45	c	57	49	r
Ontario	58	30	c	55	38	c
Pasco	62	36	pc	51	42	sh
Pendleton	57	36	pc	51	41	sh
Portland	58	40	sh	54	44	r
Redmond	58	32	c	59	35	sn
Salem	59	40	c	55	46	r
Spokane	50	32	c	47	36	sh
Ukiah	51	30	pc	52	37	sh
Vancouver	55	40	sh	53	46	r
Walla Walla	58	41	pc	50	44	sh
Yakima	60	31	pc	52	33	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	66	37	s	69	39	pc
Hong Kong	74	64	sh	72	66	c
Jerusalem	63	46	s	59	47	pc
London	56	49	c	60	46	c
Mexico City	75	50	pc	73	51	pc
Moscow	42	35	pc	41	29	r
Paris	58	40	pc	60	43	pc
Rome	72	43	s	63	38	sh
Seoul	51	29	s	56	36	s
Sydney	75	63	pc	76	65	pc
Tokyo	54	39	pc	52	38	s

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	NNW 4-8
Pendleton	WSW 10-20	WNW 4-8

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
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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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

News Summary: Snow will move off the mid-Atlantic and southern New England coasts today. Showers and thunderstorms will extend from Texas to the Carolina coast. Rain and mountain snow will fall on the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 91° in El Monte, Calif. **Low** -3° in St. Mary, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	75	45	s	72	42	s
Atlanta	70	39	pc	63	41	pc
Atlanta City	44	22	sn	33	23	pc
Baltimore	45	18	pc	35	19	pc
Billings	32	21	sn	33	25	c
Birmingham	67	37	pc	62	38	r
Boise	59	36	sh	60	41	pc
Boston	37	15	sn	26	11	pc
Charleston, SC	81	43	pc	61	44	s
Charleston, WV	44	17	c	35	20	c
Chicago	41	16	c	33	17	pc
Cleveland	33	16	sf	28	19	pc
Dallas	72	58	t	73	42	r
Denver	68	36	pc	55	37	s
Detroit	31	13	pc	31	16	pc
El Paso	84	52	pc	84	50	s
Fairbanks	13	-6	pc	17	-2	s
Fargo	14	-1	pc	16	4	c
Honolulu	82	69	sh	82	70	s
Houston	77	61	t	72	55	t
Indianapolis	38	20	pc	35	18	sh
Jacksonville	84	51	sh	70	52	pc
Kansas City	44	25	pc	35	18	sn
Las Vegas	82	61	pc	83	61	pc
Little Rock	60	34	pc	47	29	r
Los Angeles	83	60	pc	83	61	pc
Louisville</						