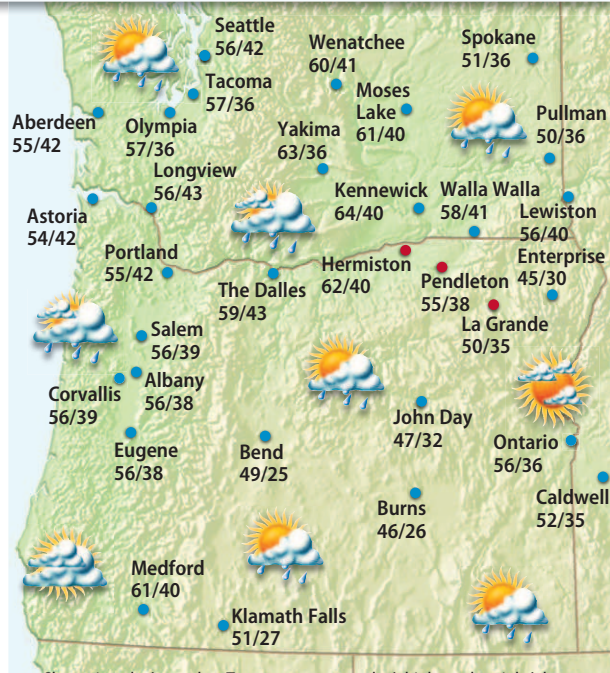


AccuWeather.com Forecast. TODAY: Windy; a p.m. shower or two. FRIDAY: Partly sunny and remaining cool. SATURDAY: Sunshine mixing with some clouds. SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy, a shower; breezy. MONDAY: Mostly cloudy, a shower; cool.

PENDELTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST: 55° 38° 58° 36° 62° 47° 61° 40° 59° 42°. HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST: 62° 40° 64° 38° 66° 49° 67° 43° 65° 45°.

ALMANAC. PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yesterday. TEMPERATURE: HIGH 52° LOW 46°. PRECIPITATION: 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.32". SUN AND MOON: Sunrise today 5:49 a.m., Sunset tonight 7:57 p.m.

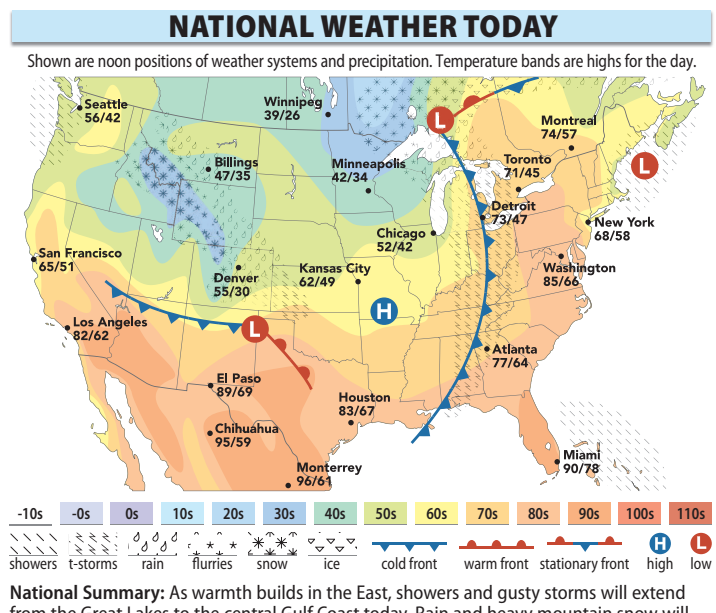


Regional Forecast. Coastal Oregon: Variable clouds today with a shower in places. Eastern and Central Oregon: A shower today, except a couple of rain or snow showers near the Cascades.

REGIONAL CITIES. Today: Astoria 54 42 sh, Baker City 49 30 pc, Bend 49 25 sn, Brookings 56 43 c, Burns 46 26 pc, Enterprise 45 30 pc, Eugene 56 38 sh, Heppner 52 34 pc, Hermiston 62 40 pc, John Day 47 32 pc, Klamath Falls 51 27 pc, La Grande 50 35 sh, Meacham 47 33 sh, Medford 61 40 pc, Newport 53 41 sh, North Bend 55 43 c, Ontario 56 36 pc, Pasco 64 39 pc, Pendleton 55 38 sh, Portland 55 42 sh, Redmond 50 24 pc, Salem 52 39 sh, Spokane 51 36 pc, Ukiah 46 30 sh, Vancouver 56 42 sh, Walla Walla 58 41 sh, Yakima 63 36 pc.

WORLD CITIES. Today: Beijing 84 54 s, Hong Kong 76 65 t, Jerusalem 75 53 s, London 53 41 sh, Mexico City 82 55 pc, Moscow 44 38 sh, Paris 54 38 sh, Rome 66 54 t, Seoul 67 47 s, Sydney 65 53 pc, Tokyo 62 52 r.

UV INDEX TODAY. Boardman W 10-20, Pendleton W 10-20.



National Summary: As warmth builds in the East, showers and gusty storms will extend from the Great Lakes to the central Gulf Coast today. Rain and heavy mountain snow will fall from the Northwest to the central Rockies.

Yesterday's National Extremes: High 105° in McAllen, Texas. Low 16° in Hill City, S.D.

NATIONAL CITIES. Today: Albuquerque 71 43 pc, Atlanta 77 64 pc, Baltimore 81 62 pc, Birmingham 78 60 pc, Boston 51 34 pc, Charlotte, SC 85 69 s, Charleston, WV 78 51 pc, Chicago 52 42 sh, Cleveland 77 49 t, Dallas 80 67 s, Denver 55 30 r, Detroit 73 47 t, El Paso 89 69 s, Fairbanks 46 29 c, Fargo 41 26 c, Honolulu 86 69 pc, Houston 83 67 s, Indianapolis 62 49 c, Jacksonville 93 65 pc, Kansas City 62 49 pc, Las Vegas 84 59 pc, Little Rock 70 54 pc, Los Angeles 82 62 pc.

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New bill keeps medical, recreational pot separate

By CLAIRE WITYCOMBE, Capital Bureau

SALEM — Lawmakers are considering a proposal to keep medical marijuana regulation under the Oregon Health Authority through a new cannabis commission.

Legislators on the Joint Committee on Marijuana Regulation took testimony Tuesday evening on a recently amended version of a bill that initially proposed to merge the state's medical and recreational marijuana programs under the Oregon Liquor Control Commission.

Under the amended bill, the cannabis commission, under the umbrella of OHA, would instead enter into an agreement with the OLCC to track medical marijuana produced on grow sites with 12 or more plants.

A medical marijuana grower would be able to sell up to 25 pounds per year to an OLCC-licensed marijuana wholesaler — an effort to prevent medical marijuana surpluses from being sold illegally.

"Diversion is gonna happen," said Sen. Jeff Kruse, R-Roseburg. "...What we're attempting to do here is make it easy and affordable for people to do the right thing."

A leaked Oregon State Police draft report, obtained and reported by The Oregonian in March, found a sizable quantity of pot grown in Oregon left the state illegally.

Concern about the phenomenon of "leaking" appeared to amplify the Legislature's efforts to firm up how the state tracks the drug's whereabouts, especially in the medical marijuana program.

Jeff Roades, marijuana policy adviser to Oregon Gov. Kate Brown, told lawmakers earlier this month that less than half of medical marijuana producers are complying with a self-reporting requirement to report the amount of marijuana products they have on hand and have sold, given away or received.

Andre Ourso, manager of the medical marijuana program, said he was concerned about how the commission, which would have rulemaking authority, would resolve any differences with the Oregon Health Authority.

"I'm not sure how, I guess, for lack of a better term, a power play between a commission with rulemaking authority and an agency with all of its internal processes and procedures, and its own employees, how that would match and how conflicts would be resolved," Ourso said.

Ourso also said he thought the agreement between the OLCC and the proposed commission could use more specificity. "The devil's in the details on these agreements," he said.

Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, said that the

proposed commission structure was a result of "frustration" around the fact that the findings of OHA's advisory boards did not seem to be implemented. The OHA has an 11-member medical marijuana advisory committee.

"Advice is given, but it's never followed," Prozanski said.

The state's medical marijuana program was approved by voters in 1998. Some advocates of using pot for medical purposes turned out Tuesday evening to testify before the committee, saying they generally approved of keeping medical marijuana within the Oregon Health Authority, as it has been for nearly 20 years.

But Kristine Evertz, who testified on behalf of the Oregon SunGrowers Guild, a trade association, worried that without "strong cooperation" between OLCC and the proposed cannabis commission, the supply of medical marijuana could be disrupted and businesses could face a financial burden.

"We would have preferred to see more resources and energy dedicated to fully implementing and strengthening the existing OHA tracking system which has only been in existence for less than a year," Evertz said in additional, written comments.

Donald Morse, director of the Oregon Cannabis Business Council, said he agreed with most of the provisions of the amended

bill, in particular the move toward a "unified market" for all cannabis products.

But, in particular, he worried that the existing medical marijuana advisory committee was "little more than a toothless tiger," and wasn't sure how the new commission proposed by the amended bill would differ. He also voiced trepidation about businesses fielding different sets of rules from two agencies.

"If they're going to be selling into the recreational system, business needs just one set of rules to follow, which is why we came to you with the unified system," Morse said. "It's very cumbersome for businesses, even with the good actors trying to do the best work possible, to keep track of who's doing what and what we're supposed to do under each agency."

Another bill — which has been amended multiple times — also seeks to tighten regulation of the drug and prevent it from being diverted to the black market.

That bill, SB 1057, would provide OLCC expanded authority to prevent diversion of marijuana from licensees to the illicit market. Although lawmakers heard details of proposed amendments to the bill Tuesday evening, they did not take action on it.

A public hearing on a third bill before the committee that would require cannabis businesses to report illegal activity was postponed.

Corrections. Pendleton police chief Stuart Roberts was not in a meeting Friday with Pendleton School District Superintendent Andy Kovach and Pendleton School Board chair Debbie McBee. Also, superintendent candidate James M. Wagner is from Minnesota. Inaccurate information was in the April 24 story "Pendleton schools superintendent search down to four."

Boy who shot Trump protester ordered to youth prison. PORTLAND (AP) — A 14-year-old boy who shot a man participating in a November President Donald Trump protest in Portland has been ordered to youth prison, possibly for over a decade.

Panel formed to come up with new Oregon business taxes. SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Leaders in the Oregon Legislature are forming a temporary, bipartisan committee that'll spend the next several weeks hashing out a business tax-overhaul plan that may go to voters for final approval in a special election.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports the boy could be released at any time officials at the MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility in Woodburn determine he's rehabilitated.

He'll be released no later than his 25th birthday. The teen shot 21-year-old Louis Carlos Paredes-Luis in the leg and grazed another person in the head about 1:20 a.m. on Nov. 12 on the Morrison Bridge.

It's unclear why the boy opened fire on protesters who were upset about the Nov. 8 presidential election. The teen previously pleaded no contest to two counts of assault with a firearm and guilty to one count of unlawful use of a weapon.

Logan Kitzhaber says 4th of July wreck was wake-up call

PORTLAND (AP) — The son of former Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber says his crash into a motor home last 4th of July was a desperately needed wake-up call.

Logan Kitzhaber, 19, of Portland pleaded guilty last month to assault and driving under the influence of intoxicants for causing the wreck on U.S. Highway 101 near the Oregon coast. As part of his plea agreement, he had to write a letter to the injured occupants of the motor home — Stan and Martha Lyckman of Port Angeles, Washington.

misguided teenager without any motivation at the time of the crash. He was addicted to popping pills and had no interests outside of drugs.

"This wreck was the culmination of my journey down a long, dark, emotional path laden with prescription pills," he wrote. "On Independence Day I hit rock bottom."

When he awoke in the hospital, he realized his life must change: "I truly believe that if I hadn't crashed, I would have overdosed."

State Police said Kitzhaber was driving to Lincoln City in a Toyota Prius registered

to his father. The car crossed the centerline and then sideswiped the motorhome. Kitzhaber apologized to the Lyckmans, saying his poor choice has forever changed their lives. He promised to avoid intoxicants, pursue his education and never again recklessly endanger innocent people.

"Nobody deserves what I put you through," he wrote.

Kitzhaber pleaded guilty and was sentenced March 27 to a week in jail and five years on probation. He was also ordered to undergo drug and alcohol treatment and his license was suspended for

five years.

The Lyckmans submitted a victim-impact statement to Lincoln County Circuit Court, letting Kitzhaber know how the crash upended their lives — emotionally, physically and financially.

"In the course of a few seconds, we went from being happy campers to being crippled," Martha Lyckman wrote. "With no time to pray, we experienced horror."

The letter says Stan Lyckman has endured six surgeries and nearly lost his leg. Moreover, he developed a severe blood clot that caused concern for his life.

In memory of my loving wife Mary Pimentel. You are surely missed by all of us. Love, your husband and friends. Includes a portrait of Mary Pimentel.