

# Protesters line Capitol halls to jeer lawmakers' \$8.2 million ed budget

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SALEM — Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means had to walk through crowds of jeering protesters Tuesday to vote on a state education budget.

Ways and Means Committee voted to approve the \$8.2 billion, two-year budget Tuesday. Educators say it won't be enough money.

Several hundred demonstrators gathered at the Capitol to say the amount was not enough. Before the meeting, they formed a human tunnel leading into the committee's hearing room and chanted, "\$8.2 just won't do."

"Members of the Senate came down here before members of the House, and they walked through the entire conflict, not just the short gauntlet, ... to get here," said Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, co-chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. "I respect the people's right to actually protest what action we're taking, but I was disheartened by this, because I don't think the people out there understood all of the difficult decisions each of you who serves on one of our subcommittees has made ... to get to \$8.2."

Oregon students attend class an average of three weeks per year less than other public school students in the nation, said Rep. David Gomberg, D-Central Coast.

"After 12 years, our kids are suffering a year less time in the classroom than average kids. Certainly, that affects their ability to go out in the world and thrive and succeed," Gomberg said.

Even though the amount is more than 11 percent greater than the existing education budget, some school officials say increases in expenses mean they will have make reductions in spending, including potential cuts in staff, services or hours.

"The budget ... does not really address the cost drivers, so it's not



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**Demonstrators form a tunnel to the Joint Ways and Means Committee meeting Tuesday to protest an \$8.2 billion two-year education budget.**

going to help us to get more teachers and reduce class sizes," Rep. Gene Whisnant, R-Sunriver, said, referring to increasing costs in pension and health insurance costs.

Whisnant and two other Republicans, House Minority Leader Mike McLane of Powell Butte and John Huffman of The Dalles, voted against the education budget.

**'Budget is sound'**

Several demonstrators burst into the meeting carrying a banner that said, "No Toxic Budget! People Over Profit." The message was identified on the banner as coming from the Democratic Socialists of America.

Sen. Rod Monroe, D-Portland, later chastised the demonstrators.

"This budget is sound. It is over a \$150 million more than current service level. More than current service level," Monroe repeated with emphasis. "It

is certainly hundreds of millions of dollars more than the governor recommended."

"We ought to be applauded, not jeered," he added.

After the vote, protesters marched through the main floor of the Capitol chanting slogans such as "Oregon can't wait." Their voices boomed against the interior of the Capitol dome and could be heard in the state building's basement.

"I am going to add my voice to those who are expressing the point that this isn't enough. This is the best we can do as of this week, as of this day," said Rep. Nancy Nathanson, co-chairwoman of the Ways and Means Committee.

"I remain committed to looking for additional resources. It's not over 'til it's over."

Less than five weeks remain of the legislative session.

**BRIEFLY**



Anna Reed/Statesman-Journal via AP

**In this June 2 photo, Gwen Jakubisin, the executive director of Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary, struggles with Oliver, a calf born in February, and Helen, a blind bison, in a field on the farm near Scio.**

## Helen the blind bison becomes nanny to 4-month-old cow

SCIO (AP) — The staff at an animal sanctuary in Oregon had tried all they could to find their blind bison named Helen a pasture pal.

They tried sheep, goats and a blind pig named Luke, but Helen was skittish around them all — until Oliver came around.

The *Statesman Journal* reports Helen has found a new friend in a 4-month-old calf, Oliver the cow. The two animals live at the Lighthouse Farm Sanctuary in Scio.

Oliver runs from the barn to join Helen in the pasture every morning, where they share meals, graze together and nap together in the sun.

Sanctuary executive director Gwen Jakubisin says she catches the two animals grooming each other, which is Helen's first experience expressing natural motherly instinct.

## Couple who believe in prayer healing charged in baby's death

PORTLAND (AP) — Two members of an Oregon church that shuns traditional medicine in favor of prayer and anointing the sick with oils were arrested Monday in the death of their premature baby.

Sarah Mitchell, 24, and Travis Lee Mitchell, 21, are accused of murder and criminal mistreatment. They have been under investigation since March, when Sarah delivered twin girls at her grandparents' home. One of the babies had breathing problems and died a few hours later.

The couple are members of the Followers of Christ Church, which embraces faith healing.

Several members have been convicted of crimes for failing to seek medical care for their children, including Sarah Mitchell's sister and brother-in-law. The deaths prompted Oregon lawmakers in 2011 to remove faith healing as a legal defense in murder and manslaughter cases.

## Portland approves permit for country's first all-wood high-rise

PORTLAND (AP) — Officials in Oregon have approved construction permits for the first all-wood high-rise building in the nation.

Construction on the 12-story building, called Framework, will break ground this fall in Portland's trendy and rapidly growing Pearl District and is expected to be completed by the

following winter.

The decision by state and local authorities to allow construction comes after months of painstaking testing of the emerging technologies that will be used to build it, including a product called cross-laminated timber, or CLT.

To make CLT, lumber manufacturers align 2-by-4 boards in perpendicular

layers and then glue them together like a giant sandwich before sliding the resulting panels into a massive press for drying. The resulting panels are stronger than traditional wood because of the cross-hatched layers; CLT can withstand horizontal and vertical pressures similar to those from a significant earthquake with minimal damage.

They are also lighter and easier to work with than regular timber, resulting in lower cost and less waste.

For this project, scientists at Portland State University and Oregon State University subjected large panels of CLT to hundreds of thousands of pounds of pressure and experimented with different methods for joining them together.

## Corrections

The June Cruisin' car show was originally coordinated by the Eastern Oregon Rod & Custom Car Club. Different businesses and people over the years have continued presenting the June car show, which now provides donations to Washington Elementary School. A Friday, June 2 community brief, "Car show cruises into downtown Pendleton," misidentified the event's roots. 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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Very warm with sunshine	Cooler with a couple of showers	Mostly cloudy, a shower; cool	Mostly cloudy with a few showers	Cloudy, breezy and cool
<b>89° 62°</b>	<b>68° 50°</b>	<b>65° 47°</b>	<b>62° 47°</b>	<b>62° 44°</b>
<b>PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST</b>				
<b>89° 62°</b>	<b>68° 50°</b>	<b>65° 47°</b>	<b>62° 47°</b>	<b>62° 44°</b>
<b>HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST</b>				
<b>95° 65°</b>	<b>74° 53°</b>	<b>72° 49°</b>	<b>69° 50°</b>	<b>69° 48°</b>

**ALMANAC**

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

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	84°	50°
Normals	75°	51°
Records	103° (1931)	35° (1901)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.11"  
Normal month to date 0.35"  
Year to date 9.26"  
Last year to date 5.55"  
Normal year to date 6.86"

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

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	85°	48°
Normals	77°	52°
Records	102° (2016)	41° (1988)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.11"  
Normal month to date 0.16"  
Year to date 6.42"  
Last year to date 4.25"  
Normal year to date 5.27"

**SUN AND MOON**

Sunrise today	5:06 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:42 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:57 p.m.
Moonset today	4:24 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
June 9	June 17	June 23	June 30

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today. Rain and drizzle in the south; a shower in central parts.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Hot today with intervals of clouds and sun. A little rain near the Cascades tonight.

Western Washington: Some sunshine giving way to clouds today. Rain at times tonight.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight, except cloudy toward the Cascades.

Cascades: Warm today with clouds limiting sunshine. Periods of rain tonight.

Northern California: A little rain at the coast this afternoon; sunshine mixing with clouds elsewhere.

## REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	67	55	pc	60	48	r
Baker City	90	51	s	72	43	sh
Bend	85	54	pc	65	41	t
Brookings	61	53	r	58	49	sh
Burns	88	50	s	65	39	sh
Enterprise	89	53	s	72	47	sh
Eugene	75	56	pc	63	47	r
Heppner	89	57	s	69	47	sh
Hermiston	95	65	s	74	53	sh
John Day	91	59	s	67	48	sh
Klamath Falls	79	50	pc	63	40	r
La Grande	90	58	s	71	47	sh
Meacham	87	55	s	69	45	sh
Medford	84	59	pc	71	51	r
Newport	63	54	pc	59	48	sh
North Bend	66	56	pc	61	51	sh
Ontario	94	62	s	81	55	pc
Pasco	94	61	pc	74	49	sh
Pendleton	89	62	s	68	50	sh
Portland	81	59	pc	66	52	r
Redmond	88	55	pc	67	39	sh
Salem	78	57	pc	65	50	r
Spokane	90	64	pc	73	49	sh
Ukiah	88	54	pc	65	45	sh
Vancouver	80	59	pc	64	50	r
Walla Walla	92	65	s	75	53	sh
Yakima	92	61	pc	74	46	sh

**WORLD CITIES**

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	88	59	s	95	63	pc
Hong Kong	90	82	t	90	82	t
Jerusalem	87	64	s	90	66	s
London	67	56	pc	66	55	r
Mexico City	80	57	pc	79	54	pc
Moscow	68	51	pc	70	49	c
Paris	69	53	pc	79	59	t
Rome	80	60	s	81	62	pc
Seoul	73	60	sh	79	62	s
Sydney	62	57	sh	64	55	sh
Tokyo	74	68	c	77	68	r

**WINDS**

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	NNW 4-8	SW 7-14
Pendleton	NNW 3-6	WSW 4-8

**UV INDEX TODAY**

2	5	7	7	4	2
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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.

**National Summary:** Torrential downpours will affect the southeastern corner of the nation today. Showers will dot the mid-Atlantic states, while thunderstorms erupt from Minnesota to New Mexico and northwestern Texas.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 109° in Needles, Calif. Low 24° in Chemult, Ore.

## NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	90	65	t	92	63	pc
Atlanta	80	63	pc	77	62	pc
Atlanta City	63	55	sh	66	54	sh
Baltimore	68	52	sh	70	54	c
Billingham	86	60	pc	93	61	pc
Birmingham	81	59	s	79	58	s
Boise	97	65	s	83	58	c
Boston	65	54	pc	61	61	pc
Charleston, SC	72	62	r	76	60	r
Charleston, WV	69	55	c	71	55	sh
Chicago	75	54	s	81	61	pc
Cleveland	67	53	c	73	54	pc
Dallas	88	68	pc	85	69	pc
Denver	79	54	t	87	57	t
Detroit	73	53	pc	76	58	pc
El Paso	95	70	c	94	71	pc
Fairbanks	76	58	pc	81		