

## AccuWeather.com Forecast

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Nice with plenty of sunshine	Sunny and pleasant	Partly sunny and nice
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
90° 63°	88° 58°	90° 61°	88° 54°	90° 59°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
95° 66°	94° 61°	95° 65°	93° 58°	95° 61°

### ALMANAC

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

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	81°	52°
Normals	84°	55°
Records	102° (2008)	37° (1898)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 2.15"  
Normal month to date 1.05"  
Year to date 11.30"  
Last year to date 6.47"  
Normal year to date 7.56"

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

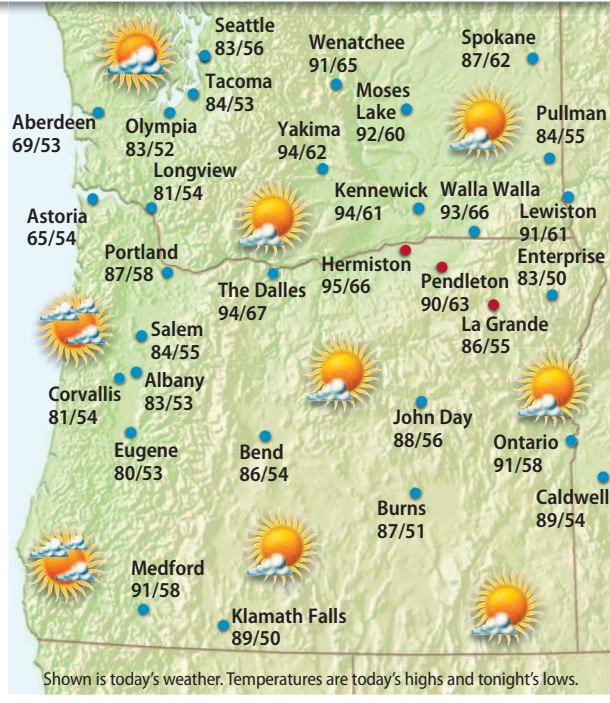
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	84°	56°
Normals	84°	56°
Records	105° (2008)	44° (1964)

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.28"  
Normal month to date 0.58"  
Year to date 6.59"  
Last year to date 4.64"  
Normal year to date 5.69"

**SUN AND MOON**

	First	Full	Last	New
Sunrise today	5:09 a.m.			
Sunset tonight	8:48 p.m.			
Moonrise today	12:48 p.m.			
Moonset today	12:37 a.m.			

June 30 July 8 July 16 July 23



### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Clouds breaking for some sun today.

**Eastern Washington:** Sunny to partly cloudy today. Mainly clear tonight.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Mostly sunny today; very warm in the south and upper Treasure Valley.

**Cascades:** Mostly sunny and pleasant today. Partly cloudy tonight. Sunshine tomorrow.

**Western Washington:** Mostly sunny today. Becoming cloudy tonight.

**Northern California:** Clouds breaking at the coast today; hot in central parts. Mostly sunny elsewhere.

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	65	54	pc	66	54	pc
Baker City	86	49	s	83	50	pc
Bend	86	54	s	81	49	s
Brookings	63	53	pc	67	55	pc
Burns	87	51	s	87	47	pc
Enterprise	83	50	s	82	49	pc
Eugene	80	53	pc	79	51	s
Heppner	88	59	s	86	53	s
Hermiston	95	66	s	94	61	s
John Day	88	56	s	85	53	s
Klamath Falls	89	50	s	83	48	s
La Grande	86	55	s	84	53	pc
Meacham	83	53	s	82	50	pc
Medford	91	58	pc	87	58	s
Newport	62	53	pc	63	51	pc
North Bend	63	55	pc	65	53	pc
Ontario	91	58	s	94	63	pc
Pasco	93	60	s	94	59	s
Pendleton	90	63	s	88	58	s
Portland	87	58	pc	80	57	s
Redmond	91	50	s	84	44	s
Salem	84	55	pc	80	54	s
Spokane	87	62	s	89	61	pc
Ukiah	84	49	s	82	47	s
Vancouver	85	56	pc	78	54	s
Walla Walla	93	66	s	91	64	s
Yakima	94	62	s	93	58	s

### WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	96	74	t	96	73	pc
Hong Kong	91	83	s	90	83	sh
Jerusalem	88	67	s	91	69	s
London	71	57	c	73	58	pc
Mexico City	72	57	t	70	56	t
Moscow	78	62	r	75	60	r
Paris	68	56	sh	68	55	pc
Rome	82	66	t	79	64	s
Seoul	87	70	pc	83	73	c
Sydney	58	43	s	59	44	s
Tokyo	80	75	r	84	75	r

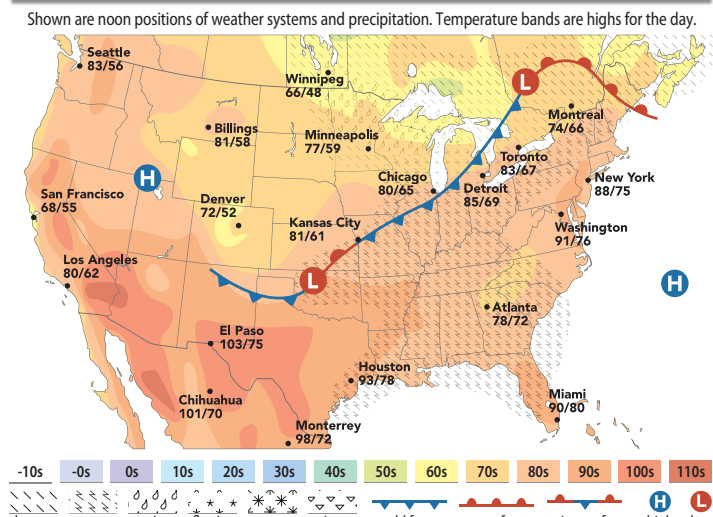
**WINDS**  
(in mph) Today Saturday  
**Boardman** ENE 3-6 WSW 7-14  
**Pendleton** NE 4-8 W 7-14

### UV INDEX TODAY

2 5 7 7 5 2  
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  
The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



**National Summary:** The risk of severe storms will extend from the southern Plains to the lower Great Lakes today. Storms will dot the Southeast as rain soaks the upper Great Lakes. Sunshine is in store for much of the West.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
**High** 108° in Needles, Calif. **Low** 29° in Bodie State Park, Calif.

### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	95	67	s	90	66	s
Atlanta	78	72	t	87	74	t
Atlantic City	81	71	s	80	71	s
Baltimore	92	72	pc	91	70	t
Birmingham	82	74	t	88	73	t
Boise	89	62	s	95	63	pc
Boston	85	69	pc	85	69	pc
Charleston, SC	85	74	t	88	76	t
Charleston, WV	84	69	t	82	67	t
Chicago	80	65	r	81	61	pc
Cleveland	84	70	t	82	65	sh
Dallas	97	80	pc	96	78	t
Denver	72	52	pc	85	57	pc
Detroit	85	69	t	83	62	pc
El Paso	103	75	s	102	74	s
Fairbanks	73	56	pc	74	59	pc
Fargo	71	51	r	77	53	pc
Honolulu	85	75	pc	86	74	pc
Houston	93	78	pc	95	76	pc
Indianapolis	82	68	t	82	61	pc
Jacksonville	89	74	t	90	75	t
Kansas City	81	61	pc	83	64	s
Las Vegas	108	83	s	110	82	s
Little Rock	92	73	pc	85	70	t
Los Angeles	80	62	pc	80	63	pc
Louisville	88	73	t	85	68	t
Memphis	91	74	t	87	74	t
Miami	90	80	pc	91	80	pc
Milwaukee	77	64	r	78	61	pc
Minneapolis	77	59	r	79	63	sh
Nashville	88	72	t	87	70	t
New Orleans	89	77	t	90	75	pc
New York City	88	75	pc	86	73	pc
Oklahoma City	93	68	t	89	69	pc
Omaha	82	58	pc	85	66	s
Philadelphia	92	73	pc	89	73	t
Phoenix	108	81	s	110	83	s
Portland, ME	81	64	c	81	65	t
Providence	84	69	pc	82	70	pc
Raleigh	85	70	t	89	73	t
Rapid City	77	49	pc	88	53	s
Reno	96	62	s	96	62	s
Sacramento	94	57	s	93	60	s
St. Louis	88	72	t	87	68	pc
Salt Lake City	87	61	s	96	70	pc
San Diego	71	63	pc	72	63	pc
San Francisco	68	55	pc	70	56	pc
Seattle	83	56	pc	75	56	pc
Tucson	106	74	s	108	78	s
Washington, DC	91	76	pc	91	74	t
Wichita	82	62	t	88	66	s

**Weather (W):** s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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# Republican lawmaker may try derailing Oregon's new Medicaid tax

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SALEM — A Republican lawmaker says she's launching a statewide effort to derail a critical \$670 million health care tax approved last week to fund Medicaid.

Rep. Julie Parrish confirmed her plans this week to challenge House Bill 2391, a tax package on health insurers and providers the Oregon Legislature passed to sustain health coverage for more than 350,000 local Medicaid expansion recipients. It also filled a large chunk of the 2017-19 budget hole that must be resolved by end of session on July 10.

The bill is supposed to kick-in within the next three months. But as soon as Democratic Gov. Kate Brown signs it Parrish — one of the bill's most vocal critics due to its likely cost-shifts to patients during a still-unfolding controversy over Medicaid eligibility at the Oregon Health Authority — says she'll file initial paperwork to challenge the bill.

If she successfully gathers more than 58,000 signatures within that 90-day window, the fate of some Medicaid recipients' health care could be tossed back into limbo until voters have the final say next year.

"I'll stand in front of the DMV and gather signatures all summer. That's how I

got signatures for Measure 96," said Parrish, referring to the Legislature's veterans-funding ballot referral that began as a citizens initiative sponsored by Parrish. "Voters really deserve the right to vote about whether we should cost-shift a failing program ... This is about not hardwiring taxes on other people's health care into statute."

Parrish, known for her blunt, unorthodox style, has served the West Linn district near Portland since 2010. She also managed Republican Dennis Richardson's successful 2016 bid for secretary of state — Oregon's first statewide GOP politician in several years.

The provider tax passed with full support from Democrats and only four Republicans. Both parties are supportive of the Medicaid expansion program but disagree on how to pay for it as federal matching dollars decline and health care costs overall are rising.

Speculations of a ballot challenge began a few weeks ago when Parrish's friend Lindsay Berschauer, a local political consultant who's previously worked with Parrish on campaigns, filed a political action committee, called Oregonians Against More Healthcare Taxes, with Richardson's office that handles the state's elections.

Parrish says she will sponsor the referendum

effort and the PAC, which has raised one \$10,000 donation so far, will run the campaign. If her signature-gathering efforts succeed, the bill would automatically go on hold until voters decide in November 2018, when voter-turnout is high.

Democrats, however, want to exercise the Legislature's right to set a special election in these instances. An amendment to Senate Bill 229 being considered would force any challenges to legislation passed in 2017 to a special election on January 23, a time when voter turnout is typically low and voter information pamphlets would be mailed toward the end of the holidays.

Democratic Rep. Dan Rayfield, a vice-chair of the House Rules Committee that's considering the SB 229 changes, says a late January election would happen right before the 2018 legislative session begins, so lawmakers could more quickly react if voters rejected the provider tax.

"A ballot measure referral of the provider tax would drastically threaten health care to hundreds of thousands of Oregonians. Vulnerable Oregonians can't wait until the next General Election to take care of a medical issue for themselves or a sick child they need certainty as quickly as possible," Rayfield said in an email.

Ballot title writing

would also be handled by a bipartisan committee of lawmakers, which Rayfield says "will allow the process to bypass the partisan offices of the Republican Secretary of State and the Democratic Attorney General."

The bill's proposed amendment angered Parrish and fellow Republicans, who say it's a form of voter suppression.

"By pursuing an oddly timed costly special election the apparent aim is to suppress voter turnout," said Senate GOP Leader Ted Ferrioli. "The mechanisms they are using to accomplish this goal include excluding public comment, one-hour notice, and a stacked partisan committee. This is the result of one-party rule under the Democrats."

House Democratic leaders say a possible vote on the bill could be scheduled for Friday.

In a statement Thursday afternoon, Richardson called the move "political shenanigans" that could suppress turnout by about 14 percent, or roughly 270,000 voters, and cost millions of dollars that don't need to be spent.

"The Oregon Constitution gives the people of Oregon the right to overrule the legislature through the referendum process. This protection ensures accountability and safeguards fundamental rights," Richardson said. "This amendment does just the opposite."

# SCHEDULE: Must give workers 10 hours rest between two shifts

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More than 100 Oregonians wrote to lawmakers supporting or opposing the bill.

Among them was Alexandria Levin, a resident of Portland, who strongly backed it.

"People need to be able to plan for doctor and dentist appointments, as well as know when they can sign up for courses and classes," she wrote. "If people work part-time, then they need to know when they might be available for a second part-time job, because they most likely will need one."

The companies must also give workers 10 hours rest between two shifts, which they can waive and receive time-and-a-half rates.

Julie Harbold, who owns a Subway sandwich shop in Portland, called the measure "completely unrealistic in operations of actual business."

"Our restaurants run on such narrow margins, are faced with rising minimum wage costs and are often in fluctuations that are not within our control as far as weather, customer flows, and unforeseen variables," Harbold said.

Other states considering similar initiatives include Connecticut, California,

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— Carrie Gleason, director of the Fair Workweek Initiative

North Carolina, and Ohio, said Carrie Gleason, director of the Fair Workweek Initiative, which has led the organizing nationwide.

"The win today will make it easier to pursue campaigns in those states," Gleason said. "The fact that the legislation passed in Oregon with bipartisan support in both chambers is encouraging."

The Oregon Working Families Party had worked to organize support on the ground for the bill.

"Hard-working people deserve a schedule they can count on," said party spokeswoman Hannah Taube. "This legislation, the first of its kind in the nation, would help working families across the state ... plan for things like child care, higher education, doctor's appointments, and management of their personal finances."

Pending a legal review, Gov. Kate Brown intends to sign the bill into law, said her spokesman, Bryan Hockaday.

# Legislature orders review of Department of Revenue

SALEM — The Oregon Legislature is ordering a top-to-bottom review of the state's tax collecting agency.

Lawmakers on the Joint General Government Subcommittee ordered the Department of Revenue to undergo a \$150,000 comprehensive financial audit and a \$350,000 management assessment, *The Statesman Journal* reported Wednesday.

Rep. David Gomberg, D-Central Coast, said lawmakers upped scrutiny of the department this session

after the leadership made its regular budget presentations.

"They came in and it was clear there were issues," he said.

Throughout the next two years, the agency must make frequent, mandatory reports to lawmakers during the interim and regular sessions of the Legislature.

The orders for agency examination and reporting are so heavy that Rep. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, wondered if the agency would still have time to do

its job collecting about \$8 billion a year in taxes.

"We're going to have people looking over their shoulder continuously," Johnson said.

Repeated financial audits had uncovered "significant" and "material weakness" in the agency's accounting system, which the agency defended by saying its accountants lacked training and experience. Performance measures in areas of agency helpfulness, timeliness, accuracy and expertise

plummeted during the past four years.

A status report on the management assessment is due during the 2018 legislative session and the full report must be completed no later than December 2019, according to recently adopted budget notes.

Gomberg said department Director Nia Ray has been "reoriented" by the scrutiny her department faces. He said she now has a clear sense of what the Legislature is looking for.