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#### AccuWeather AccuWeather Forecast **SATURDAY MONDAY TUESDAY** A shower in the Mostly sunny Mostly cloudy with Times of clouds Partly sunny with a showers shower PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST 43° 36° 34° **59° 53°** 36° 33° **50°** RATURE F **47°** 34° **56°** 31° 38° 36° **52°** 36° Seattle **ALMANAC** Spokane 52/43 Wenatchee 50/32 46/32 **PENDLETON** Tacoma Moses 52/38 through 3 p.m. yesterday Lake Pullman Aberdeen Yakima 52/32 Olympia **TEMPERATURE** 46/34 52/45 52/38 HIGH LOW Longview Yesterday Kennewick Walla Walla 51/39 Lewiston 75° (1933) -12° (1985) 57/33 53/38 Astoria Records 53/34 54/43 **PRECIPITATION** Portland Enterprise Hermiston 24 hours ending 3 p.m Pendleton 46/30 53/39 The Dalles Month to date 1.02 1.09" Normal month to date 55/33 La Grande Salem 55/39 14.72' 11.12' Year to date 50/34 Last year to date Normal year to date 11.08" Albany Corvallis 55/38 **HERMISTON** John Day 55/38 through 3 p.m. yesterday 49/37 Ontario 9 Bend Eugene **TEMPERATURE** 55/37 49/32 HIGH Caldwell Yesterday Burns <u>Normals</u>

#### REGIONAL FORECAST Eastern Washington: Clouds and sun today

Klamath Falls

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

49/25

however, sunnier across the south and

Cascades: Some sun today; a little snow

accumulating a coating to an inch across

Northern California: Partly sunny today

toward the Cascades.

the north.

Coastal Oregon: Rather cloudy today: a little rain across the north. Considerable clouds tonight. Eastern and Central Oregon: Times of

Medford

54/38

clouds and sun today; mostly cloudy and cooler in the south. Western Washington: Rather cloudy today

into tomorrow with a shower.

Walla Walla Yakima (in mph) **Boardman** Pendleton

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#### WSW 6-12 **UV INDEX TODAY**

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# NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day 42/33 **(1)**

National Summary: Rain will depart the southern Atlantic Seaboard slowly today. Rain showers will be followed by snow showers around the Great Lakes. A batch of snow show ers is forecast for the central Rockies.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 96° in Chino, Calif.

-10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s

Low -5° in Embarrass, Minn.

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Atlantic City	52	43	-	60	43	рс	Miami	82	66		81	64	
Baltimore	54	33		56	36	рс	Milwaukee	54		рс	44	28	p
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Detroit	49	41	рс	46	31	рс	Raleigh	58	35	S	63	39	p
El Paso	77	48	S	76	45	S	Rapid City	56	27	рс	55	31	S
Fairbanks	-4		sn	-13		рс	Reno	66	40	рс	71	47	
Fargo	50	27	рс	38	26	S	Sacramento	69	49	рс	68	56	p
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Houston	73	51	S	80	52	S	Salt Lake City	61	40	C	63	43	p
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Las Vegas	80	56	рс	80	56	рс	Tucson	87	53		87	53	
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## Governor to preserve kids' insurance program

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown on Monday directed the state's health agency to guarantee coverage for children and pregnant women covered by a federal program that's in limbo.

Oregon is one of three **Brown** states that will run out of

federal funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, in December, according to OHA. Up to half of the states will be out of federal money by February.

Brown directed OHA to maintain coverage of groups covered by CHIP for the first four months of 2018. That would cost the state about \$35 million.

About 121,000 kids and 1,700 pregnant women are covered by the program

CHIP generally enjoys broad political support, but Congress is now well past its Sept. 30 deadline to reauthorize funding for the program.

But Oregon officials expect Congress to reauthorize the funding and to pay the



While this additional cost was not in the Oregon Health Authority's legislatively approved budget, we can manage this on a short-term basis because it is early in the biennium," OHA Director Pat Allen wrote in a Nov. 17 letter to Brown. "We will spend more of our appropriated state funds earlier to make up for lost federal funds."

Allen added that if Congress does not reauthorize CHIP funding or doesn't fund it retroactively, the lost funding would "cause a hole in the OHA budget" that would have to be reconciled in

The CHIP program pays 97 percent of the total costs of health care for the 121,000 Oregon kids under the program.

Those children can be covered by Medicaid, but will be covered at a reduced match rate of 64 percent, which would cost the state more money, according to Allen's memo.

If CHIP expires, federal funds can still pay for emergency services for pregnant women, such as labor and delivery, according to Oregon's interim Medicaid director, David Simnitt. But the state would have to pay for other services for pregnant women covered by the program, such as prenatal check-ups.

The 121,000 kids covered by CHIP in Oregon live in homes where incomes are between 100 and 300 percent of the federal poverty level. Oregon must cover about a third of those kids — those earning between 100 and 138 percent of the poverty level — under the Affordable Care Act, according to OHA.

CHIP covers children whose parents make too much to qualify for Medicaid but still may struggle to afford coverage. Kids in households making less than 100 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible for Medicaid.

Brown's directive comes as OHA struggles to get its books in order, shore up its eligibility and payment systems and bounce back from a pummeling of negative publicity.

The state overpaid Medicaid providers by up to \$74 million between 2014 and 2016, about \$10 million of which it has already recouped. Allen, who took the reins Sept. 1 in the wake of a publicity scandal, identified a host of other issues with payment and allocation of funds — about \$112.4 million.

### **BRIEFLY**

#### Parents file \$8M suit for death of daughter in hot apartment

PORTLAND (AP) — An Oregon couple has filed an \$8 million lawsuit against their apartment 2-year-old daughter died because a heater in their unit raised the temperature in her room to a lethal level.

Portland attorney Jane Paulson, who's representing Taqwa Dakhlalla's estate, says the child was healthy before she died in December 2016 when the heater and thermostat in her room malfunctioned.

The Oregonian/ OregonLive reported Wednesday that the parents are suing apartment owners Cathedral Park Investments LLC and the apartment management company Gordon Properties Inc.

The defendants attorney said more investigating needs to be done, but so far he's found no liability on the part of his clients.

### Man sues city of Bend over snowplow crash

BEND (AP) — A man is seeking nearly \$300,000 from the city of Bend because of a 2015 incident in which a snowplow allegedly lifted and dropped the truck he was driving

#### The Bend Bulletin reports law firm Dwyer Williams Dretke filed the suit Wednesday on behalf of Brian Fletcher, who alleges he was injured in the collision. Fletcher is also suing

Tony Cota, the city street utility worker who operated the plow The complaint says on Nov. 25, 2015, Fletcher

was driving when the front blade of Cota's plow caught the rear wheel of Fletcher's pickup truck.

The complaint says Fletcher suffered injuries that included the herniation of his lumbar disc, which required surgery.

#### **United starting** direct flights to LAX from Medford, Redmond

MEDFORD (AP) — United Airlines plans to start direct flights to Los Angeles from two Oregon airports.

The airline said Tuesday it will offer twice-daily flights between Medford and Los Angeles **International Airport** beginning April 9. The Mail Tribune reports the airline hasn't offered direct service between Medford and Los Angeles since cutbacks after Sept. 11, 2001.

Also on April 9, the Chicago-based airline will add a direct daily flight from Redmond Airport to Los Angeles.



## Panel outlines risk of oil-by-rail terminal on Columbia

By PHUONG LE Associated Press

SEATTLE — A major oil-by-rail terminal proposed on the Columbia River in Washington state poses a potential risk of oil spills, train accidents and longer

emergency response times

due to road traffic, an envi-

ronmental study has found.

Many of the risks could be decreased with certain mitigation measures, but the study released Tuesday outlined four areas where it said the impacts are significant and cannot be avoided.

The study said that while "the likelihood of occurrence of the potential for oil spills may be low, the consequences of the events could be severe."

The state's Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council has been evaluating the project since 2013 and released its environmental review a week before it is scheduled to vote to support or oppose the

project in a recommendation that will go to Gov. Jay Inslee. Inslee, a Democrat, will decide whether to approve the facility or reject it.

The proposed million terminal for the city of Vancouver would receive about 360,000 barrels of crude oil by trains a day. Oil would temporarily be stored on site for Vancouver Energy, a joint venture of Tesoro Corp. and Savage Cos., and then loaded onto tankers and ships bound for West Coast refineries.

The study identified the four risks that could not be avoided as train accidents, emergency response delays, negative impacts of the project on low-income communities and the possibility that an earthquake would damage the facility's dock and cause an oil spill.

Measures could be taken to reduce the potential risk of oil spills by other causes, fires and harm to juvenile salmon, the study said.

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Critics say the project is a risk to the environment and people while developers promote the terminal as an opportunity to bring crude oil from North Dakota and other areas to a western U.S. port and bring jobs and money to the region.

"Our initial assessment provides confidence that EFSEC's thorough evaluation of the facts will demonstrate our ability to build and operate the project safely and in an environmentally responsible way," Vancouver spokesman Energy Hymas said in emailed statement late Tuesday.

He labeled most of the impacts outlined in the report as "related to low-probability events not directly associated with our facility that have the potential to occur today, such as a major earthquake or impacts related to the transportation of products that move across the country on a daily basis.

Opponents said the report provided justification for the council to issue a recommendation against the project. The review "clearly shows

that the Tesoro-Savage oil train terminal is bad for Washington," said Rebecca Ponzio, director for the Stand Up to Oil Campaign.

facility The would produce more than 300,000 metric tons of greenhouse emissions annually, with half of that from trains moving along the entire route in Washington state.



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