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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Rain and drizzle this morning	Mostly cloudy	A little rain in the morning	Mostly cloudy with a snow shower	Intervals of clouds and sun

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

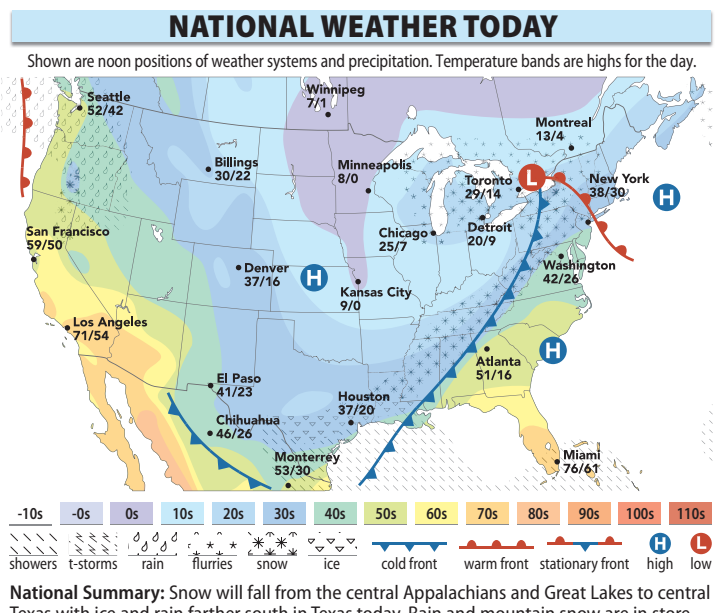
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

52°	36°	48°	41°	52°	36°	51°	39°
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REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	52	44	r	56	44	r
Baker City	43	27	r	44	36	c
Bend	48	34	c	54	38	c
Brookings	56	48	c	58	47	r
Burns	44	24	r	46	32	c
Enterprise	44	31	r	45	38	c
Eugene	55	39	c	59	42	r
Heppner	49	36	r	52	41	c
Hermiston	52	36	r	48	41	c
John Day	48	36	r	51	45	c
Klamath Falls	48	31	c	52	41	c
La Grande	46	34	r	46	40	c
Meacham	44	31	r	45	39	c
Medford	51	37	c	57	42	c
Newport	54	46	r	57	44	r
North Bend	57	44	c	61	46	r
Ontario	42	31	r	45	36	c
Pasco	50	35	r	44	38	c
Pendleton	48	37	r	51	43	c
Portland	55	41	r	55	44	r
Redmond	49	30	c	53	37	c
Salem	56	40	c	59	45	r
Spokane	38	30	r	40	37	c
Ukiah	46	30	r	48	39	c
Vancouver	54	42	r	54	45	r
Walla Walla	50	37	r	52	43	c
Yakima	50	35	r	46	37	r



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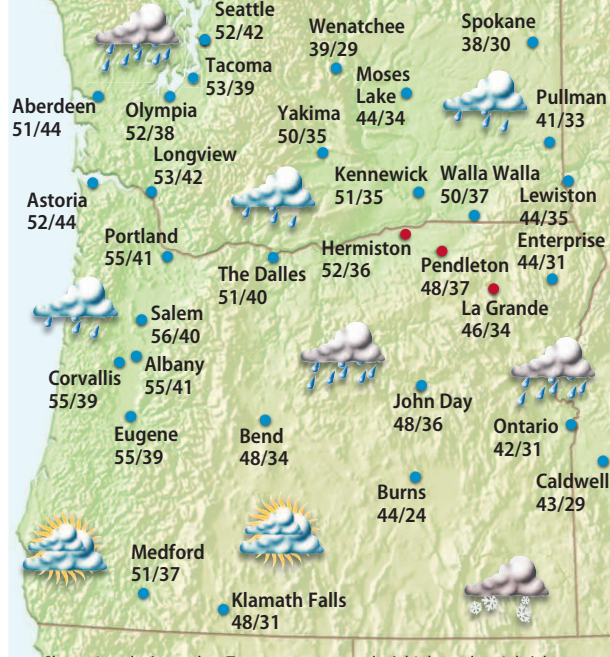
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TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
39°	36°
Yesterday	41°
Normals	41°
Records	68° (1974) -8° (1907)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.53"
Normal month to date	0.81"
Year to date	0.53"
Last year to date	1.06"
Normal year to date	0.81"



HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
41°	38°
Yesterday	41°
Normals	41°
Records	63° (1961) -10° (1950)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.43"
Normal month to date	0.62"
Year to date	0.43"
Last year to date	0.61"
Normal year to date	0.62"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:39 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:09 a.m.
Moonset today	4:36 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Jan 16	Jan 24	Jan 31	Feb 7

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today and tonight; occasional rain and drizzle across the north.

Eastern Washington: A little rain today; however, a bit of snow in the mountains.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Periods of rain today; only in the morning across the north. Mostly cloudy tonight.

Western Washington: Occasional rain and drizzle today. Overcast tonight; a little rain at the coast.

Cascades: Cloudy today; occasional rain and drizzle, except dry in the south.

Northern California: Rather cloudy today. Partly cloudy tonight. A little rain at the coast tomorrow.

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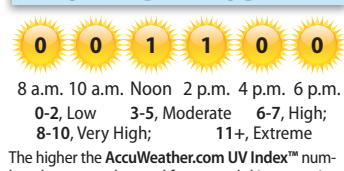
	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	40	19	s	43	15	pc
Hong Kong	70	59	s	73	63	s
Jerusalem	56	45	pc	50	46	pc
London	45	37	c	46	40	pc
Mexico City	68	38	pc	66	39	pc
Moscow	20	13	pc	20	16	c
Paris	48	39	r	46	42	pc
Rome	60	54	pc	60	40	sh
Seoul	41	28	r	46	29	pc
Sydney	73	64	pc	75	63	s
Tokyo	55	47	pc	61	45	r

WINDS

(in mph)

	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	SSW 4-8	NNE 4-8
Pendleton	SSE 4-8	SSE 6-12

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How Oregon's cap and trade system would work

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This file photo shows the Boardman power plant. Oregon's cap and trade system would limit some carbon dioxide emissions and charge businesses for the right to pollute.

PORTLAND — Oregon lawmakers are considering a major change in how the state will go about reducing its contributions to climate change.

Right now, there's nothing to stop a lot of Oregon businesses from pumping carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

The Clean Energy Jobs Bill introduced last week would launch a cap and trade system that would limit some of those emissions and charge businesses for the right to pollute.

The system would be similar to existing programs in California and some Canadian provinces.

How would Oregon's cap and trade system work?

The state would set a cap on total greenhouse emissions, and about 100 companies in the state's largest industries would be required to buy pollution permits to cover their emissions.

The bill requires permits for any business that emits more than 25,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent. That includes a variety of large manufacturers, paper mills, fuel distributors and utilities.

Over time, the cap on emissions will come down and there will be fewer pollution permits available. So companies will have to reduce their emissions, spend more on permits or buy credits to offset their emissions.

How is cap and trade different from just setting laws that limit emissions?

This system would create a new marketplace for pollution credits that companies can buy and sell. It would be designed to link up with existing markets in California

and Canadian provinces, so a company in Oregon could buy pollution credits from a business in California.

It also creates a market for offset projects, so a forest landowner in Oregon could sell the carbon sequestration credits from not cutting down trees. Buying an offset credit may be a cheaper option for companies that need to reduce their emissions or buy a pollution permit.

Creators of the bill call it a "cap and invest" program because the state could make an estimated \$700 million a year from selling pollution permits. That money would then be invested in project that expand public transit, solar power, electric vehicles and home energy efficiency upgrades that will help reduce the state's overall greenhouse gas emissions.

How much would this kind of system cut the state's greenhouse gas emissions?

The bill mandates reductions down to 80 percent of 1990 emission levels by 2050. Supporters say that's the only way the state is ever going to meet its targets for reducing carbon emissions. Right now, the state is way

behind on the climate goals it set in 2007.

"That's what brings urgency to this," said state Sen. Michael Dembrow, who helped create the bill as the chair of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee. "It's very clear we're not going to get there if we don't have the discipline of a program that sets a cap each year and gradually brings us down."

Environmental groups point to California's cap and trade program and its recent renewal as proof that this kind of system can reduce emissions and generate revenue without hurting the economy.

What do opponents say about this idea?

A lot of industries are opposed to a cap and trade system in Oregon because they say it will inevitably raise prices for all kinds of energy, which affects businesses as well as the cost of living for everyday people.

Oregon Business & Industry, the Oregon Farm Bureau and Northwest Food Processors Association, which together represent thousands of businesses

across the state, have all spoken out against the Clean Energy Jobs Bill.

"This legislation is harmful to farmers and ranchers in Oregon because it increases our cost of production and makes us less competitive," said Jenny Dresler of the Oregon Farm Bureau. "Raising the price of gas, electricity and natural gas on everybody will simply make it harder for Oregon family farms to survive to the next generation."

The bill is designed to address some of these concerns by setting revenue aside to help low-income families, displaced workers and rural areas adapt to the new policy and the effects of climate change.

With a short legislative session, what are the chances this bill is going to pass this year?

There's a chance the bill will pass this session but it will depend on what else lawmakers have to tackle. If Measure 101, the so-called health care "provider tax," doesn't pass, lawmakers will likely be too busy with health care issues to address cap and trade.

After months of work group sessions, though, lawmakers now have a detailed proposal to work with. The program isn't scheduled to launch until 2021, so the Legislature could also pick it back up next year.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown issued a statement outlining her requirements for signing any bill that creates a cap and trade system for the state. They include protecting people from utility rate hikes as the state transitions away from coal-fired power and investing revenues to help rural and under-served communities make the shift to cleaner energy sources.

Oregon conservationists file lawsuit to protect rare plant

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