

Sanctuary lawsuit could impact Oregon

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SALEM — While California's sanctuary laws are bolder than Oregon's, the U.S. Department of Justice's lawsuit against California announced Wednesday could portend legal action against this state.

In a speech to the California Peace Officers' Association, Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced Wednesday that the Justice Department is seeking to block provisions in three sanctuary laws passed in California. The complaint states that the state laws "impermissibly" attempt to override federal statute and target the federal government.

Laws in California prohibit private employers from voluntarily cooperating with federal immigration officials and law enforcement from providing to federal officials the release date of undocumented convicts. The laws also require a state inspection and review of federal immigration detention centers and immigration and apprehension processes.

Those laws are more aggressive than any of the sanctuary laws in Oregon, said Warren Bidford, law professor at Willamette University College of Law.

"Because of the size of Oregon and the fact we have been respectful and nearly not as aggressive as California, I think it is unlikely that the DOJ will target Oregon in a similar lawsuit, but certainly, nothing surprises me with this administration and how it uses its limited governmental resources," Bidford said.

The DOJ is likely using the lawsuit against California as a warning to Oregon and other jurisdictions that have enacted laws and executive orders to protect undocumented immigrants, Bidford said.

"Oregon is not the model of state the DOJ would want to use as an example to other state and municipalities thinking about taking a stance on immigration issues," Bidford said. "They are going to go against the big fish. And that is California because of its size and how strong the economy is and the values that so publicly contrast with the values of the Trump administration."



U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions addresses the California Peace Officers' Association 26th Annual Law Enforcement Legislative Day in Sacramento, Calif. The Trump administration on Tuesday sued to block California laws that extend protections to people living in the U.S. illegally.

AP Photo/Rich Pedroncelli

Oregon's laws

But in January, the U.S. Department of Justice threatened to subpoena local officials and to confiscate federal criminal justice funding from Oregon and 22 other jurisdictions if they continue to refuse to assist authorities in enforcing federal immigration law.

A U.S. District Court judge in California declined to block the administration from withholding a \$1 million law enforcement grant to the state. The Department of Justice delayed the grant as part of its crackdown on jurisdictions where sanctuary laws conflict with requirements of the grants, the Washington Examiner reported Tuesday.

Three Republican lawmakers are seeking to repeal Oregon's 30-year-old sanctuary law with Initiative Petition 22, which they hope to place on the November ballot.

State law prohibits state government agencies from using money, equipment or personnel to detect or apprehend individuals whose only crime is violation of federal immigration law.

Initiative Petition 22 chief sponsors Reps. Greg Barreto of Cove, Sal Esquivel of Medford and Mike Nearman

of Independence and Oregonians for Immigration Reform have been collecting signatures for the measure for nearly a year.

Richard LaMountain, former OFIR vice president and petitioner for IP 22, said the Department of Justice would be right to sue Oregon for its sanctuary laws, because the statutes violate federal law.

"Sanctuary policies that shield criminal aliens conflict with federal law," LaMountain said. "State law cannot supercede federal law. I think DOJ is on very firm ground."

Gov. Kate Brown on Wednesday reaffirmed her commitment to the state's sanctuary laws.

"Oregon is a welcoming place for all who call our state home. These values were affirmed some 30 years ago in state statute, which are in full compliance with federal law," Brown said in a statement.

"Oregon will not be bullied by a Trump administration that is focused on dividing our country. As governor, I will continue to do everything in my power to ensure that the rights and values of all Oregonians are protected."

Oregon students list mental health services in top concerns

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon high school students cited mental health services among their top policy concerns, according to a report compiled by a student-led organization.

Oregon Student Voice found that 40 percent of students listed mental health resources as the most important issue for schools, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Tuesday.

Only about half the students said they felt mental health resources were easily accessible through their school, according to the State of the Schools report.

The organization surveyed more than 2,200 students from 42 Oregon high schools, gauging students' opinions on topics that included teacher quality, support services, school climate and ability to influence education policy. The survey was conducted online from August 2017 to December 2017.

Oregon Student Voice member Amelia Ernst, a

high school junior, helped write the report, which she said aims to ensure the organization's policy goals align with student priorities.

"We realized that there was no data about schools and the school environments through students' eyes, so we decided to take the opportunity to not only hear from students about their schools, but have the survey executed by students too," Ernst said.

The report also outlined aspects of school life that can influence students' mental health, like the difficulty and intensity of standardized testing. Most of the students said the tests were not good indicators of their success, and 60 percent said the tests damage their self-esteem.

The report recommended that schools look into alternative ways to assess students, which could mean examining portfolios or other aspects of a student's performance, Ernst said.

Judge denies plea withdrawal from former ODE official

PORTLAND (AP) — A judge has denied a request from a former Oregon Department of Energy official to withdraw his guilty plea to accepting kickbacks to help arrange the sale of state energy tax credits.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Joe Colello pleaded guilty in June to racketeering, receiving bribes, aggravated theft, tax evasion and official misconduct charges.

Colello, who managed tax credit sales for the

department, was accused of accepting nearly \$300,000 in bribes from Seattle-based energy consultant Martin Shain.

Colello is scheduled to be sentenced in early April. Under his original plea deal, Colello had agreed to five years in prison, three years' probation and restitution.

Colello's lawyer Mark Geiger says the plea agreement is still in place, and they're working to resolve the related federal case before state sentencing.

BRIEFLY

NBA reviewing sexual assault allegations against Mark Cuban

DALLAS (AP) — The NBA says it is reviewing 2011 allegations of sexual assault against Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban and the decision by prosecutors not to pursue the case.

League spokesman Mike Bass said Wednesday the NBA was looking into the matter after Willamette Week,

reported a woman's claim that Cuban put his hands down her pants and touched her inappropriately while they were taking a photo at a Portland nightclub.

The report Tuesday in the Willamette Week came about a week and half after a Sports Illustrated account that portrayed a hostile work environment for women in the front office of the Mavericks. While Cuban wasn't implicated, the SI report raised questions about what he knew and

when. Cuban flatly denied the woman's allegations and provided a prosecutors' report detailing the decision not to file charges.

Prosecutors wrote that "there is no evidence to corroborate the complainant's statement and there is evidence contradicting the claim."

The report also said the woman didn't want to proceed with the allegation.

Corrections

In the March 7 article "Downtown framework plan captures national award," Carlos Callava's name was spelled incorrectly. The EO sincerely regrets the error. 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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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
58° 44°	53° 30°	55° 33°	57° 33°	61° 36°
61° 45°	57° 29°	58° 34°	59° 34°	62° 36°

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
58° 44° 53° 30° 55° 33° 57° 33° 61° 36°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
61° 45° 57° 29° 58° 34° 59° 34° 62° 36°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE
HIGH LOW
Yesterday 49° 24°
Normals 53° 33°
Records 75° (1904) 19° (1931)
PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.49"
Normal month to date 0.25"
Year to date 2.82"
Last year to date 4.30"
Normal year to date 2.76"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE
HIGH LOW
Yesterday 50° 22°
Normals 55° 32°
Records 75° (1979) 14° (1931)
PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.12"
Normal month to date 0.23"
Year to date 1.75"
Last year to date 3.63"
Normal year to date 2.47"

SUN AND MOON
Sunrise today 6:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:51 p.m.
Moonrise today 12:19 a.m.
Moonset today 10:12 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Mar 9	Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Breezy today with periods of rain; cooler in the south. Periods of rain tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Showers around today; a bit of morning snow, then a little rain in central parts.

Western Washington: Periods of rain today and tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with a passing shower.

Eastern Washington: Showers around today; snow, accumulating 1-3 inches in the mountains.

Cascades: Snow and rain in central parts today; rain, mixed across the north with snow early. Showers around in the south.

Northern California: Cloudy today; a couple of showers, but a snow shower in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	52	39	r	50	34	c
Baker City	51	34	sn	49	22	c
Bend	54	36	pc	49	26	c
Brookings	53	45	r	53	44	sh
Burns	51	31	sh	49	25	c
Enterprise	48	37	r	46	22	c
Eugene	54	41	r	54	34	c
Heppner	56	41	sh	51	28	c
Hermiston	61	45	sh	57	29	c
John Day	52	38	sn	47	27	c
Klamath Falls	51	32	sh	50	26	sh
La Grande	50	38	sh	47	24	c
Meacham	48	36	sh	44	23	c
Medford	60	42	sh	57	39	sh
Newport	52	41	r	50	38	c
North Bend	54	44	r	53	41	c
Ontario	56	38	c	57	30	c
Pasco	59	43	sh	58	27	c
Pendleton	58	44	sh	53	30	c
Portland	55	43	r	53	35	c
Redmond	58	36	pc	53	26	c
Salem	55	42	r	54	35	c
Spokane	46	38	sh	45	27	c
Ukiah	50	36	sh	43	22	c
Vancouver	54	43	r	52	34	c
Walla Walla	56	45	sh	53	35	c
Yakima	55	33	sh	56	26	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	44	21	s	51	30	pc
Hong Kong	63	54	sh	69	60	s
Jerusalem	78	51	pc	63	45	pc
London	49	36	pc	51	46	r
Mexico City	75	52	pc	77	52	pc
Moscow	26	11	s	24	16	sn
Paris	49	41	r	56	49	sh
Rome	59	47	pc	58	47	pc
Seoul	49	27	r	46	27	s
Sydney	73	68	c	74	68	pc
Tokyo	50	47	r	62	43	r

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	SSW 7-14	WSW 10-20
Pendleton	SW 7-14	W 10-20

UV INDEX TODAY

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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

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

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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: A nor'easter will bring heavy snow, gusty winds and coastal flooding to northern New England today. Heavy snow is forecast for part of the Upper Midwest, while rain and mountain snow affect the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 86° in Marathon, Fla. **Low** -15° in Lake Yellowstone, Wyo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	70	38	pc	70	42	pc
Atlanta	50	32	pc	58	44	s
Atlanta City	44	31	pc	46	31	pc
Baltimore	43	28	pc	45	27	pc
Billings	40	29	c	45	30	c
Birmingham	54	32	s	63	46	s
Boise	55	41	c	53	32	c
Boston	42	30	sn	42	32	pc
Charleston, SC	59	34	pc	60	41	s
Charleston, WV	37	25	sf	43	26	pc
Chicago	36	22	sf	38	23	pc
Cleveland	33	29	sn	36	26	sf
Dallas	67	51	pc	72	62	pc
Denver	65	33	s	65	32	pc
Detroit	35	26	sn	37	23	c
El Paso	77	52	c	79	53	pc
Fairbanks	26	16	c	27	9	sf
Fargo	26	16	c	30	20	c
Honolulu	79	67	pc	78	68	pc
Houston	68	51	pc	73	64	pc
Indianapolis	34	23	pc	41	26	pc
Jacksonville	63	35	s	67	38	s
Kansas City	46	30	s	56	32	pc
Las Vegas	74	53	pc	77	57	pc
Little Rock	57	37	s	65	51	pc
Los Angeles	75	55	pc	71	58	pc
Louisville	39	26	pc	46	33	pc
Memphis	51	35	s	65	52	pc
Miami	73	51	s	72	60	s
Millwaukee	35	24	pc	37	24	s
Minneapolis	30	15	pc	34	20	pc
Nashville	46	28	s	57	45	pc
New Orleans	64	45	pc	70	57	s
New York City	42	30	pc	42	31	sf
Oklahoma City	63	45	s	70	57	pc
Omaha	36	25	sf	42	27	pc
Philadelphia	40	27	pc	47	28	pc
Phoenix	83	57	pc	84	61	pc
Portland, ME	37	25	sn	40	26	pc
Providence	45	29	sf	41	31	c
Raleigh	48	27	pc	48	33	s
Rapid City	44	23	pc	51	29	pc
Reno	60	35	c	58	34	c
Sacramento	68	46	c	66	46	c
St. Louis	41	27	pc	47	34	c
Salt Lake City	56	39	pc	56	38	pc
San Diego	70	55	c	69	58	pc
San Francisco	65	50	c	64	51	c
Seattle	51	41	r	50	35	c
Tucson	80	52	pc	81	54	pc
Washington, DC	46	32	pc	47	31	pc
Wichita	60	37	s	73	42	pc

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