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#### **TUESDAY** WEDNESDAY Cloudy with a Cloudy most of the Mainly cloudy, a Clouds and sun, a Cloudy with spotty couple of showers shower; cooler shower; breezy showers **PENDLETO** TEMPERATURE FORECAST 45° 39° 39° 38° 33° **58°** 59° 42° 42° 41° 46° **59°** 36° Seattle **ALMANAC** Spokane 54/42 Wenatchee 60/43 54/42 **PENDLETON** Tacoma Moses through 3 p.m. yesterday Pullman Lake Aberdeen Yakima 63/45 **TEMPERATURE** 56/43 51/42 HIGH LOW Longview Yesterday Kennewick Walla Walla 54/43 21° (1911) 67/47 63/47 Lewiston 92° (1904) Astoria Records 63/47 **PRECIPITATION** Portland Hermiston 24 hours ending 3 p.n 0.05<sup>'</sup> 0.95<sup>'</sup> Pendleton 57/39 58/46 The Dalles 67/46 Month to date 0.55" Normal month to date 64/47 Salem La Grande 4.66' 58/45 Last year to date 6.99' 4.51" Albany Normal year to date Corvallis **HERMISTON** 58/45 John Day 57/43 through 3 p.m. yesterday 61/42 Ontario 9 Eugene Bend **TEMPERATURE** 64/45 57/43 59/38 LOW HIGH Caldwell Yesterday Burns

AccuWeather Forecast

REGIONAL FORECAST Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today: arriv-Eastern Washington: Intervals of clouds

Medford

65/45

ing during the afternoon in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Cloudy today. A shower tonight, except dry in the south.

arriving in the afternoon across the south.

Western Washington: Periods of rain today;

and sun today; a shower in spots in the mountains in the morning. Cascades: Intervals of clouds and sunshine today. Mostly cloudy tonight with a bit of rain.

59/35

Klamath Falls

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

Northern California: Mostly sunny today: an afternoon shower in the interior mountains

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Today Su								
	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	
Astoria	53	42	r		51	40	r	
Baker City	61	38	C		60	34	sh	
Bend	59	38	C		50	27	r	
Brookings	55	44	r		49	39	r	
Burns	59	35	C		55	28	sh	
Enterprise	57	39	C		54	34	sh	
Eugene	57	43	sh		49	37	r	
Heppner	62	43	C		54	37	sh	
Hermiston	67	46	рс		59	42	sh	
John Day	61	42	c		56	34	sh	
Klamath Falls	62	37	рс		49	24	r	
La Grande	59	41	C		57	35	sh	
Meacham	57	40	C		53	33	sh	
Medford	65	45	рс		52	36	r	
Newport	54	43	r		49	40	r	
North Bend	57	45	r		50	40	r	
Ontario	64	45	C		66	43	sh	
Pasco	66	47	рс		58	42	sh	
Pendleton	62	45	C		56	39	sh	
Portland	58	46	sh		52	42	r	
Redmond	62	37	C		51	27	r	
Salem	58	45	sh		51	39	r	
Spokane	54	42	рс		51	37	sh	
Ukiah	57	39	C		52	31	sh	
Vancouver	56	45	sh		51	40	r	
Walla Walla	63	47	C		57	40	sh	
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Beijing	66	40	S	69	48	S			
Hong Kong	85	69	рс	77	66	t			
Jerusalem	74	53	S	74	- 53	S			
London	62	47	рс	56	46	sh			
Mexico City	79	50	рс	77	49	рс			
Moscow	53	32	S	61	42	S			
Paris	62	48	t	65	48	рс			
Rome	78	57	рс	71	54	t			
Seoul	56	40	r	58	40	рс			
Sydney	89	64	рс	78	63	S			
Tokyo	66	62	r	75	55	r			

#### (in mph) Today Sunday **Boardman** WSW 7-14 SW 6-12 WSW 6-12

WINDS

**UV INDEX TODAY** 4 = 4

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. **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 Denve 54/30 Atlant 83/62 -10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s

National Summary: A storm will continue to bring everything from blizzard conditions to snow, ice and rain on its northern tier and severe weather in its warm southern sector today. Spotty rain will affect the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 105° in Laredo, Texas Low 8° in Tuolumne Meadows, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES												
		oday		Sun.				oda			Sun.	
	Hi	Lo W	Hi	Lo			Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	
Albuquerque	62	39 s	71	46		Louisville	72	57		58	38	-
Atlanta	83	62 pc	63	42		Memphis	68	42		52	35	
Atlantic City	67	45 s	48	47		Miami	87	77		87	68	
Baltimore	82	60 s	63	51	-	Milwaukee	38	31		38		C
Billings	56	34 pc	61	36		Minneapolis	29	23		32	22	
Birmingham	79	48 t	62	38		Nashville	73	48		57	38	
Boise	62	46 c	68	42		New Orleans	76	49	-	63	46	-
Boston	52	31 c	36	32		New York City	80	42		45	41	
Charleston, SC	81	65 pc	81	50		Oklahoma City	48	29		60	32	
Charleston, WV	83	63 pc	71	44	-	Omaha	38	22		34	22	
Chicago	39	34 r	40	29		Philadelphia	83	48		49	44	
Cleveland	58	37 r	64	41		Phoenix	82	59		91	64	
Dallas	64	38 s	66	45		Portland, ME	45	25		33	30	
Denver	54	30 pc	62	36		Providence	60	34		41	36	
Detroit	43	32 r	50	37		Raleigh	81	64		81	53	-
El Paso	70	46 s	81	54	-	Rapid City	30	13		34	20	-
Fairbanks	37	14 s	40	18		Reno	71	46	-	66	36	
Fargo	37	22 pc	39	22	-	Sacramento	76	50	-	67	44	
Honolulu	82	74 sh	83	73		St. Louis	69	41	sh	45	31	
Houston	68	43 s	68	46		Salt Lake City	61	45		72	54	
Indianapolis	70	53 t	54	32		San Diego	79	59		72	58	
Jacksonville	84	66 pc	82	50		San Francisco	66	52		62	48	
Kansas City	49	27 c	36	25	-	Seattle	54	42		54	42	
Las Vegas	78	59 s	84		рс	Tucson	79	49		90	57	
Little Rock	63	36 pc	54	33	pc	Washington, DC	82	64	S	68	53	t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain,

75 54 pc

83 57 s

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3.43"

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7:40 p.m.

6:18 p.m.

Last

May 7

Full

86° (1947)

Records

**PRECIPITATION** 

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Normal month to date

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# Study: PERS better funded than most, but still short

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE money aside to pay their Capital Bureau

SALEM — A new study from the Pew Charitable Trusts finds Oregon's public pension system might be better funded than those of most other states, but is not doing enough to pay down

its unfunded liabilities. The country's state pension funds reported a \$1.4 trillion deficit in 2016, up \$295 billion from 2015, according to a study released Thursday by Pew's Public Sector Retirement Systems Project. Oregon's unfunded liability, the amount by which the system's obligations to retirees exceed what its assets can cover, is \$25.3 billion.

"Many state retirement systems are on an unsustainable course, coming up short on their investment targets and having failed to set aside enough money to fund the pension promises made to public employees," the study states. "Even contributions from taxpayers over the past decade doubled as a share of state revenue, the total still fell short of what is needed to improve the funding situation."

In 2016, Oregon PERS was 81 percent funded compared to a national average of 66 percent according to the study.

An actuarial analysis released in September, though, indicates that the funded status of the state's system, including accounts that allow certain employers to offset payroll rates, has since declined to 75 percent.

Oregon took an incremental step toward paying down some of the system's unfunded liability this past legislative session. Senate Bill 1566 sets up an incentive system for public employers that set extra PERS bills.

In Oregon's system, state and local public employers that are PERS members contribute funds. That money is invested, and the returns on those investments constitute most of the benefits paid out to employees.

Although 2017 was a year of strong investment returns, the same volatility that can bring high returns one year can bring harsh losses the next, the study

Last year, the PERS board lowered its assumptions about how much the state's investments would earn from 7.5 percent to 7.2

The study found that from 2014 to 2016, many states, including Oregon, did not contribute enough money each year to pay down the debts.

"There is no one-sizefits-all solution to the pension funding shortfall and the budgetary challenges facing individual states," the analysis states, "but without new policies that commit states to fully funding retirement systems, the impact on other essential services — and the potential for unpaid pension promises — will increase."

However, Pew's analysis did not account for Oregon's use of what's called a rate collar, a method the state uses to stave off dramatic increases in how much employers are paying toward PERS.

The study also looked at an indicator called "operating cash flow ratio," which measures the difference between money flowing out (essentially, benefit payments) and cash before investments (essentially, employer and employee contributions), divided by the level of assets at the beginning of the year.

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# Brown wants assurances for Oregon's marijuana industry

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE Capital Bureau

Gov. Kate Brown wants President Donald J. Trump to assure her that Oregon's legal cannabis industry is safe from federal prosecution.

President Donald J. Trump reportedly made a deal this week with a Colorado senator to protect the legal cannabis industry there, but it's not clear whether it extends to Oregon.

The president Republican Sen. Cory Gardner that he would support "a federalism-based legislative solution to fix this state's rights issue once and for all," according to Gardner's office.

Gardner In return, promised to stop blocking the White House's DOJ nominees.

There's long been dissonance between federal drug laws and those of states that have legalized marijuana, but the January withdrawal of previous Justice Department guidance on the issue — known as the Cole memo — has prompted more uncertainty around the issue in recent months.

That guidance from the Obama administration set out guidelines for federal prosecutors in states that had legalized marijuana to focus their resources on larger-scale concerns such as trafficking as long as states met certain conditions regarding their regulation of the industry. Attorney Jeff General Session rescinded the Cole memo in February, giving federal prosecutors discretion in pursuing drug cases.

According to Garner,

the president said that the rescission of the Cole memo "will not impact Colorado's legal marijuana industry

White House Press Secretary Sarah Huckabee Sanders said during a press conference Friday Gardner's statement was "accurate" and that Trump was a "firm believer" in states' rights.

The White House press office did not respond to a request for clarification on

the matter late Friday. Brown, a Democrat who has been vocal in her opposition to many of the Trump administration's policies, said in a written statement Friday that she would "appreciate" assurances from the president.

"We have not had similar negotiations, but would appreciate President Trump extending his assurances to all states that he respects their rights to decide how to approach this issue, not just to Colorado," Brown said. "I remain committed to keeping cannabis in the state of Oregon, but out of the hands of children, while protecting the will of Oregonian voters, who overwhelmingly support the legal cannabis industry and the jobs it creates."

Members of Oregon's congressional delegation took to Twitter on Friday to call for addressing the issue in Congress, including Democratic U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden.

"The federal government must respect the decision Oregonians made at the polls," Wyden wrote on Twitter. "I'm going to keep fighting to protect Oregon's legal marijuana program and pushing for national reform."



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