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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Breezy with clouds and sun	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny and warmer	Nice with some sun	Partly sunny and very warm
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
65° 44°	64° 43°	75° 46°	78° 51°	82° 56°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
71° 47°	70° 45°	81° 49°	85° 52°	89° 58°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	65°	56°
Normals	69°	45°
Records	91° (1940)	28° (1922)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.30"
Month to date	0.36"
Normal month to date	0.33"
Year to date	5.78"
Last year to date	8.25"
Normal year to date	5.44"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	72°	55°
Normals	71°	45°
Records	95° (1987)	31° (2010)

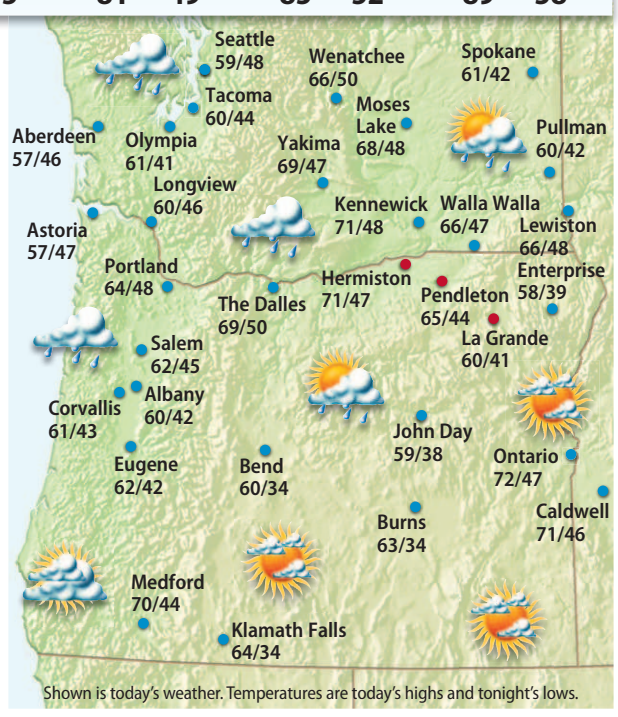
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.42"
Month to date	0.57"
Normal month to date	0.35"
Year to date	4.62"
Last year to date	5.95"
Normal year to date	4.34"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:30 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:13 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:31 a.m.
Moonset today	2:51 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
May 15	May 21	May 29	June 6



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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today with a shower in the area; breezy in the afternoon.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Clouds and sunshine today with a shower in the area; breezy across the north.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with a shower in spots. Partly cloudy tonight.

Eastern Washington: Times of clouds and sun today with a shower in the area. A shower tonight.

Cascades: Rather cloudy today with a shower in places. Partly cloudy tonight.

Northern California: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today Hi	Lo	W	Fri. Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	57	47	c	60	47	s
Baker City	62	39	pc	57	41	pc
Bend	60	34	c	58	40	pc
Brookings	60	47	c	65	50	s
Burns	63	34	pc	58	38	pc
Enterprise	58	39	pc	51	40	pc
Eugene	62	42	c	63	43	s
Heppner	63	42	pc	62	44	pc
Hermiston	71	47	pc	70	45	pc
John Day	59	38	pc	54	41	pc
Klamath Falls	64	34	pc	63	41	pc
La Grande	60	41	pc	57	42	pc
Meacham	57	38	pc	54	40	pc
Medford	70	44	c	69	44	s
Newport	56	44	c	58	45	s
North Bend	60	47	c	60	49	s
Ontario	72	47	pc	67	51	pc
Pasco	70	49	pc	70	46	pc
Pendleton	65	44	pc	64	43	pc
Portland	64	48	c	70	49	s
Redmond	62	33	c	63	36	pc
Salem	62	45	c	66	46	s
Spokane	61	42	pc	66	46	pc
Ukiah	56	36	pc	53	38	c
Vancouver	61	47	c	67	47	s
Walla Walla	66	47	pc	63	49	pc
Yakima	69	47	c	74	51	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today Hi	Lo	W	Fri. Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	82	62	c	75	56	c
Hong Kong	80	76	t	84	78	c
Jerusalem	81	62	pc	76	57	s
London	61	45	pc	64	49	pc
Mexico City	76	53	pc	77	55	pc
Moscow	57	37	s	63	48	pc
Paris	64	42	pc	69	52	s
Rome	71	58	pc	73	57	pc
Seoul	70	51	s	69	54	c
Sydney	78	51	pc	64	55	s
Tokyo	62	54	sh	70	60	s

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	NNW 6-12
Pendleton	W 10-20	WNW 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
1	3	6	7	4	2

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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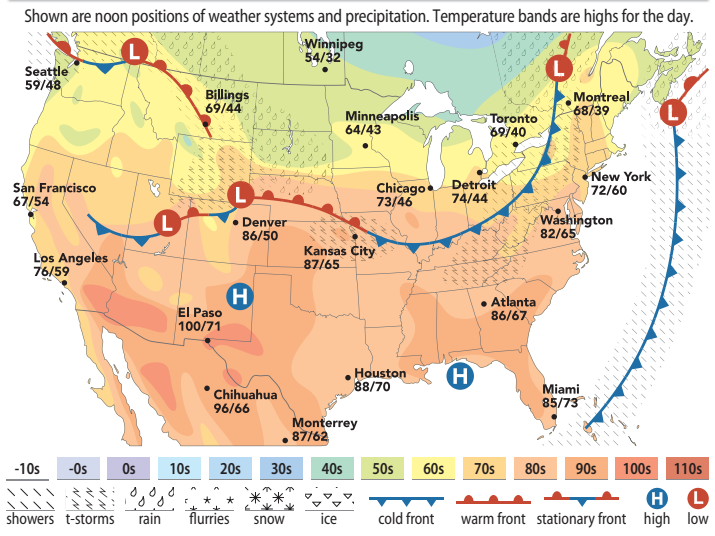
NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



National Summary: Showers and thunderstorms will progress from the Midwest to the Appalachians and coastal Northeast today. Areas of rain and storms will extend from the northern Rockies to the northern Plains.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 108° in Needles, Calif. **Low** 25° in Angel Fire, N.M.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today Hi	Lo	W	Fri. Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	92	60	s	90	60	s
Atlanta	86	67	s	88	67	pc
Atlantic City	69	60	pc	70	57	s
Baltimore	81	59	c	80	62	s
Billings	69	44	c	55	39	r
Birmingham	88	67	s	90	64	s
Boise	70	43	pc	63	45	pc
Boston	67	54	pc	64	50	pc
Charleston, SC	88	66	s	92	67	s
Charleston, WV	82	57	t	86	66	t
Chicago	73	46	pc	57	49	r
Cleveland	73	45	sh	58	53	sh
Dallas	86	68	s	89	71	pc
Denver	86	50	s	78	48	c
Detroit	74	44	pc	56	45	r
El Paso	100	71	s	97	70	s
Fairbanks	73	45	pc	65	41	c
Fargo	59	38	pc	65	40	c
Honolulu	83	69	pc	84	73	pc
Houston	88	70	pc	87	72	pc
Indianapolis	80	61	pc	86	68	pc
Jacksonville	89	64	s	93	65	pc
Kansas City	87	65	pc	86	69	pc
Las Vegas	98	72	s	92	66	s
Little Rock	88	66	pc	89	68	s
Los Angeles	76	59	pc	70	58	sh
Louisville	86	66	pc	89	69	pc
Memphis	89	68	pc	88	70	s
Miami	85	73	c	84	75	t
Milwaukee	64	41	pc	45	42	r
Minneapolis	64	43	pc	54	45	sh
Nashville	87	66	pc	90	66	pc
New Orleans	90	66	s	89	70	s
New York City	72	60	pc	74	57	pc
Oklahoma City	86	66	s	86	69	s
Omaha	83	60	pc	83	53	c
Philadelphia	81	61	c	76	60	s
Phoenix	105	75	s	100	71	s
Portland, ME	60	48	pc	64	41	pc
Providence	70	55	pc	70	49	pc
Raleigh	87	61	s	88	65	s
Rapid City	57	39	t	52	40	c
Reno	81	49	pc	66	44	pc
Sacramento	83	56	s	84	60	s
St. Louis	89	66	pc	90	72	pc
Salt Lake City	77	52	pc	58	44	t
San Diego	69	60	pc	65	59	sh
San Francisco	67	54	pc	72	62	pc
Seattle	59	48	c	65	50	s
Tucson	102	67	s	98	68	s
Washington, DC	82	65	c	82	66	s
Wichita	89	69	pc	92	72	pc

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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Governor proclaims special session for tax bill

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SALEM — Gov. Kate Brown on Wednesday issued a proclamation calling for a special legislative session May 21 and released a draft of the bill she wants lawmakers to consider.

The proposed law would expand to sole proprietors state tax breaks available to owners of certain businesses whose business income "passes through" to their personal income tax returns instead of paying corporate rates.

In 2013 the Legislature extended lower rates for owners of other types of pass-through businesses, such as S-corporations and partnerships, provided they meet certain employment and other requirements. Those state tax breaks weren't extended to sole proprietors.

If passed, the rates would apply to the 2018 tax year.

"I'm calling a special session to stop this unfairness and create a level playing field for Oregon's smallest businesses," Brown said in a prepared statement Wednesday. "It's imperative that the Legislature take action now so that many more Oregon small businesses can take advantage of this economic incentive."

The special session is expected to last one day. It is scheduled to precede several days of previously scheduled legislative committee meetings at the state capitol.

Some legislators have expressed concerns that their colleagues will try to do more than expand the tax break to sole proprietors during the session.

Legislators are not limited either in scope or length of the session by Brown's proclamation. Once in session they can consider any legislation brought up for a vote and can remain in Salem until they vote to adjourn.

A spokesman for the House Republicans said in a statement that "Democrats do not appear to have a clear consensus on the scope of the session, nor the exact details of the tax cut bill," and that the special session "charade" wouldn't be necessary had the governor vetoed the bill disconnecting from the new federal deduction.

State Sen. Herman Baertschiger, R-Grants Pass, a member of the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee, indicated earlier this week he would prefer making any changes to the state's tax policy in the 2019 legislative session, scheduled to begin in January.

House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, did not suggest a wider agenda in her response to the proclamation.

Corrections

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.

Survey: Inefficient spending equals government waste

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File photo

A survey last month by Portland-based DHM Research sheds more light on how Oregonians define government waste.

Most Oregonians define "waste in government" as money spent inefficiently on programs, according to a recent survey by DHM Research.

The Portland-based pollster conducted an online survey of 590 Oregonians April 11-19.

Among all respondents, the majority, about 63 percent, define waste as money spent inefficiently, while 34 percent believe waste means funding unnecessary programs.

The results showed some partisan differences in what government waste means.

About 77 percent of respondents who consider themselves liberal defined waste as inefficient spending, whereas 66 percent of conservatives described waste as funding unnecessary programs.

DHM weighted the results to reflect the demographics of Oregon residents, including age, gender, geographic area, political party and level of education. The margin of error is between 2.5 and 4 percent.

Revenue for the state budget stems largely from state taxes, federal taxes and the Oregon Lottery. The majority of the state's budget is spent on human services, including health care, education and public safety.

Respondents largely believe that those programs are necessary. They were more likely to value the importance of public safety, 98 percent, and K-12 education, 90 percent, than health care for low-income adults and children, 79 percent, according to the survey. Republicans were more likely to deem health care as unnecessary, 50 percent, whereas a vast majority of Democrats, 96 percent, believe those services are necessary.

"That a majority of Republicans consider one of the state's largest spending areas unnecessary is consistent with the fact that Republicans are more likely to believe that waste stems from unnecessary programs rather than inefficient spending," according to a blog post by DHM on the survey results.

A majority of respondents, about 57 percent, agreed that economic development programs are a waste of government money, the survey suggested.

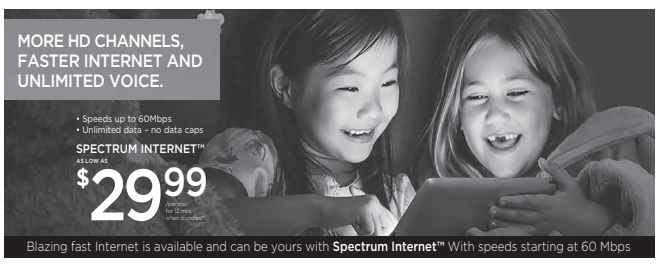
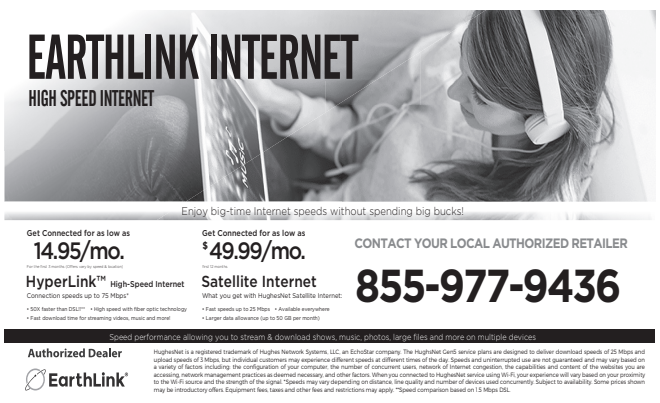
Some examples of Oregon's government waste have attracted national attention.

For instance, the state squandered more than $300 million in federal and state funds to build a failed health care shopping and enrollment website, which was never used to enroll anyone.

The state sued Oracle America over the failure and eventually settled the case with the software company for a purported $100 million in value. But, as the *Portland Tribune* originally reported, the September 2016 settlement came with hidden costs to the state.

The agreement included only $35 million in actual cash. Of that, $25 million covered the state's legal costs, and the other $10 million went toward science, technology, engineering and math education grants to public schools. The other part of the state's $105 million valuation of the settlement was $60 million in "free" customer service support for yet-to-be-obtained Oracle software. That value could be redeemed only by spending more money.

The software and support obtained at no cost could "easily exceed" $100 million, but "it will require a substantial investment of effort, time and money to realize its value," former state Chief Information Officer Alex Pettit, wrote in an email to Oregon agency directors in September 2016.

The consultant KPMG "estimated that the state would need to spend between $490-515 million to implement a fraction of the software contained in the (Oracle deal)," he added.

The DHM survey last month followed up on a February 2016 survey — conducted in partnership with Oregon Public Broadcasting — that showed Oregon voters believe more tax money is wasted than is spent to benefit their daily lives. Respondents estimated that 44 cents out of every dollar the state spends is "wasted," compared with 31 cents that goes toward their benefit.