

Big money pours into fight over Washington's carbon fee

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SEATTLE — A campaign bankrolled by the oil industry has raised \$20.46 million to defeat a carbon pollution fee on the ballot in Washington state aiming at tackling climate change.

The money raised so far by the "No on 1631" campaign sponsored by the Western States Petroleum Association, an oil industry trade group, puts it near the top in fundraising efforts by a statewide initiative campaign in Washington, according to a review of state campaign finance data by The Associated Press.

The state record of \$22.45 million was set in 2013 by opponents who successfully defeated a ballot measure requiring labels on food with genetically engineered ingredients.

If approved by voters Nov. 6, Initiative 1631 would charge large carbon emitters fees on fossil fuels used or sold in the state or electricity generated within the state. The fees would raise an estimated \$2.3 billion in the first five years to fund a wide range of pro-

grams intended at cutting greenhouse gas emissions.

Oil companies have given the bulk of opposition money, with Phillips 66 the top donor at \$7.2 million.

"This costly and flawed initiative would create damaging policies for our state and unfairly hurt Washington's families, small businesses and our economy," said Dennis Nuss, a spokesman with Phillips 66, which operates an oil refinery in Ferndale.

State Sen. Reuven Carlyle, a Seattle Democrat who sponsored a carbon tax bill in the most recent session, said big oil companies are trying to stop momentum on carbon-pricing in the U.S. Washington would be the first state in the nation to impose a direct carbon fee or tax by initiative.

Supporters of the measure have raised \$6.1 million. The Nature Conservancy is the top donor

giving \$1 million in cash.

Proponents have run ads saying the initiative will hold polluters who have harmed people's health responsible and invests the money in clean energy, clean water and other projects.

Meanwhile, on opposition TV ad warns that the measure unfairly exempts many of the state's largest polluters, including the state's only coal-fired power plant, steel mills and aviation fuels — and claims that smaller businesses and consumers are left with the burden.

Initiative backers say that the coal plant is exempt because it's scheduled to stop burning coal by 2025, and that the measure covers most of the polluters in the state.

The measure comes two years after Washington voters rejected a carbon tax that would have been the first in the nation.

Report: Oregon child welfare agency sued over boy's abuse

GRESHAM (AP) — The Oregon Department of Human Services faces a \$1.5 million lawsuit filed on behalf of a 7-year-old boy who was placed in his father's care despite a court order banning the man from seeing his two younger sons, a newspaper reported Thursday.

Robert A. Lamb is charged with criminal mistreatment and assault, both felonies, involving the treatment of his son, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

A warrant was issued for Lamb's arrest after he missed a May court hearing.

The child had no relationship with his 44-year-old father before being placed with him when his mother went to jail. He lived there five months before being removed from the home. He remains in foster care.

The lawsuit filed in Multnomah County Circuit Court alleges a background check should have turned up a violent past going back years, including Lamb's conviction in 2008 for choking his girlfriend and a 2016 restraining order involving his other children.

Christine Stone, a DHS spokeswoman, says a child is never placed in care before a background check is done.

State law prohibits anyone who's ever been convicted of abuse against a child or a spouse of being a caregiver. It wasn't immediately clear why the boy was placed with Lamb.

The agency is clearing a backlog of 15,000 unprocessed background checks that can take as long a month each to complete. Twenty-four workers have been hired to speed the process and six more will be added, the agency said.

Authorities were tipped off to the allegations of abuse when a school bus driver noticed the child was in obvious pain as he struggled to get on board.

The bus driver told his school, and the boy told the principal that sitting was painful because of his injuries. He said he couldn't straighten his pinky finger because his father had smashed it with a spatula, the newspaper reported.

Eventually, the boy said his father slapped his head, smacked his hands, whipped his back and legs with a belt and forced him to run in his pajamas through their snowy backyard, police records say.

He fell and each time he tried to get up, the boy said, his dad pushed him back to the ground.



Lamb

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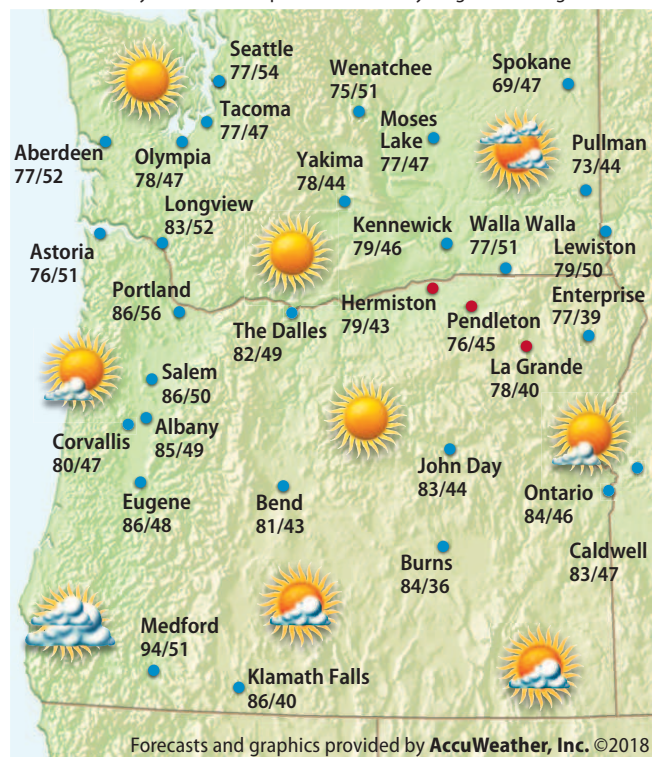
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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Pleasant with plenty of sunshine	Sunshine and pleasant	Nice with clouds and sunshine	Sun followed by clouds	Mostly cloudy
76° 45°	74° 46°	66° 45°	74° 47°	72° 51°
79° 43°	77° 47°	70° 46°	77° 47°	75° 48°

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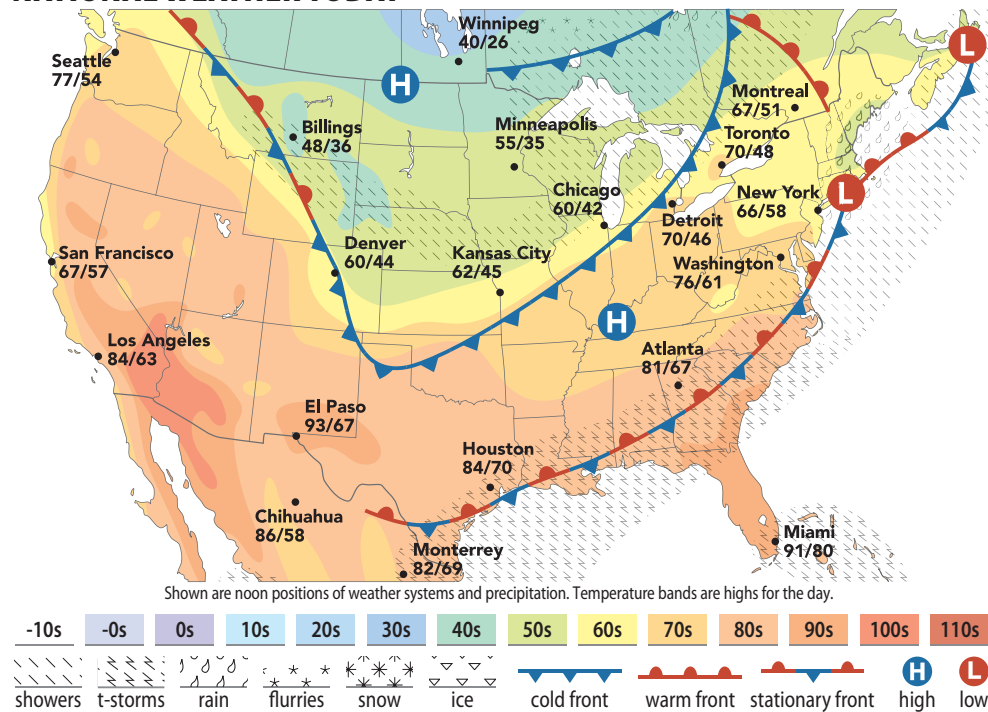
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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	83°	46°
Normals	73°	46°
Records	91° (1967)	27° (1911)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"	
Month to date	0.00"	
Normal month to date	0.48"	
Year to date	6.52"	
Last year to date	12.28"	
Normal year to date	8.86"	
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	83°	42°
Normals	74°	44°
Records	89° (1952)	30° (1945)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"	
Month to date	Trace	
Normal month to date	0.39"	
Year to date	5.15"	
Last year to date	7.01"	
Normal year to date	6.51"	
WINDS (in mph)		
Boardman	Today NNE 4-8	Sat. NNE 6-12
Pendleton	Today NW 4-8	Sat. NNW 6-12
SUN AND MOON		
Sunrise today	6:49 a.m.	
Sunset tonight	6:41 p.m.	
Moonrise today	8:57 p.m.	
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Last	New	First
Oct 2	Oct 8	Oct 16
Oct 24		

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Wolf attack kills guard dog in southern Oregon

PROSPECT (AP) — State wildlife officials say a dog guarding cattle in southern Oregon has died after being attacked by a wolf.

The report released Wednesday says an examination of the Tibetan mastiff's body revealed 25 puncture wounds and scrape marks all over its body.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife says the attack early Monday occurred in an area frequented by a gray wolf known as OR-7 and his pack.

The incident happened southeast of Prospect. The last confirmed attack by OR-7 and his pack was in January when two calves were killed two days apart near Butte Falls.

Springfield woman told to get rid of 80 cats

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — A Springfield woman has been told by animal welfare officers to downsize her collection of 80 Bengal cats after complaints from neighbors.

The Register Guard reported Thursday that the city could press criminal charges if Debra Perryman doesn't comply.

The city has offered to help her find new homes for the cats and is suggesting she keep no more than five of the animals.

She told authorities that she bought two Bengal cats in 2013 to breed them.

But she fell in love with the kittens and kept them all — and their numbers of grown ever since.

The cats are in good health and well-fed and groomed. Perryman goes through a 50-pound bag of kibble every two days.

Bengals are a specialty breed of cats that resemble miniature leopards.

Embattled House candidate still campaigning

BEND (AP) — A candidate for the Oregon House accused of sexual misconduct used Facebook and Twitter to announce he was still campaigning — then blocked Bend, Oregon, residents who made negative comments to his Facebook post, an apparent violation of City Council policy.

The Bulletin reports that punishment for violating council rules, including the social media policy, is limited to public reprimand, or censure — and one councilor plans to pursue that.

Nathan Boddie, a Bend city councilor and the Democratic candidate for the 54th state House seat, initially responded to allegations made July 6 that he groped a Bend woman several years ago by attacking his accuser's credibility.

Democratic Party leaders had asked him to resign his council seat and drop out of the state House race.

But on Wednesday, Boddie said on his Facebook page that the sexual misconduct allegations are "untrue attacks."



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