

# Proposals take aim at new gun restrictions

Bills incentivize safe storage and prohibit 3D printing

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A few days after Liam Mankins was born in September 2016, his father posted a photo on Facebook of his son wearing oversized sunglasses.

"Future's so bright gotta wear sunglasses," a friend commented.

"Yes, yes, it is," Liam's father replied. "He's going to ... make something of himself."

Then, two years later, on Nov. 4, Liam was killed by a shot from an unsecured gun.

The toddler "got control of a loaded handgun" at the family's Baker City home and "caused the handgun to discharge," Baker County District Attorney Matt Shirtcliff wrote in a news release.

"The gun had not been secured in a safe place," Shirtcliff said.

Such cases are motivating two state legislators and gun safety advocates to legally require gun own-

ers to secure their firearms with a lock or in a locked container.

The proposal is among several gun safety measures that state lawmakers want to consider during the 2019 legislative session opening Jan. 22.

Some lawmakers also want to raise the age for buying assault weapons, give police more time to conduct background checks on gun buyers and regulate handguns in schools and universities.

Under the gun storage legislation, owners would face a fine of up to \$2,000. The average fine would be about \$165 — about the same as fines for driving 11 to 20 mph over the speed limit.

The fine could increase to \$2,000 if the gun owner knew that a child could reach the firearm, proponents said.

The law also makes the gun owner civilly liable if someone uses an unsecured gun to shoot another person or property.

Some gun rights advocates oppose the legislation.

Charlie Brinton, president of the Baker County

chapter of the Oregon Hunters Association, said it's unfair to hold gun owners liable if someone stole their unsecured weapon and shot someone. The thief should be held liable, he said.

Kevin Starrett, executive director of the Oregon Firearms Federation, said requiring that guns be locked up is "rendering firearms useless" because it will take too long to get the weapon out in an emergency.

Relatives of the victims of the 2012 mass shooting at Clackamas Town Center wanted to impose the storage mandate through a ballot measure earlier this year. Their effort stalled after the National Rifle Association, the state firearms federation and other gun rights advocates challenged the ballot language in court. The Oregon Supreme Court dismissed the challenge, but that left only a month for measure supporters to collect 88,000 signatures.

State Rep. Barbara Smith Warner, D-Portland, and state Sen. James Manning Jr., D-Eugene, are now championing the storage requirement through legislation.



AP Photo /Don Ryan

The first rendering from hemp plants extracted from a super critical CO2 extraction device on its way to becoming fully refined CBD oil spurts into a large beaker at New Earth Biosciences in Salem. The hemp industry still has work ahead to win legal status for hemp-derived cannabidiol, or CBD oil.

## FDA casts shadow on hemp win, calling CBD products illegal

SEATTLE (AP) — The hemp industry still has work ahead to win legal status for hemp-derived cannabidiol, or CBD oil, as an ingredient in food or dietary supplements despite the big farm bill President Donald Trump signed this week designating hemp as an agricultural crop.

CBD oils have become increasingly popular in lotions, tinctures and foods, but their legal status has been murky and the Food and Drug Administration has sent warning letters to some companies making health claims for CBD.

In a statement following Thursday's bill signing in Washington, FDA Commissioner Scott Gottlieb restated his agency's stance that CBD is a drug ingredient and therefore illegal to add to food or health prod-

ucts without approval from his agency.

"Selling unapproved products with unsubstantiated therapeutic claims is not only a violation of the law, but also can put patients at risk, as these products have not been proven to be safe or effective," Gottlieb wrote.

CBD is a non-psychoactive compound found in hemp, a version of the cannabis plant that is low in THC, the part of cannabis that gives pot its high.

An FDA-approved drug for the treatment of seizures, Epidiolex, contains cannabis-derived CBD. GW Pharmaceuticals' syrup became the first prescription drug derived from the cannabis plant in June.

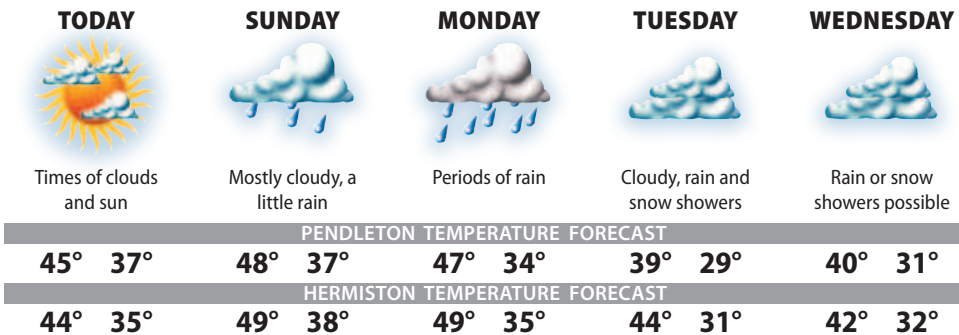
The FDA statement also specified parts of hemp that are safe as food ingredients,

but the CBD stance disappointed advocates. Courtney Moran, a lobbyist for Oregon hemp farmers, said she plans to work with U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, to nudge the FDA toward greater acceptance of CBD.

"We do hope the FDA does clear a pathway for these products that have already hit store shelves and are out in the marketplace," Moran said. She said it's an "opportunity for industry to educate the FDA."

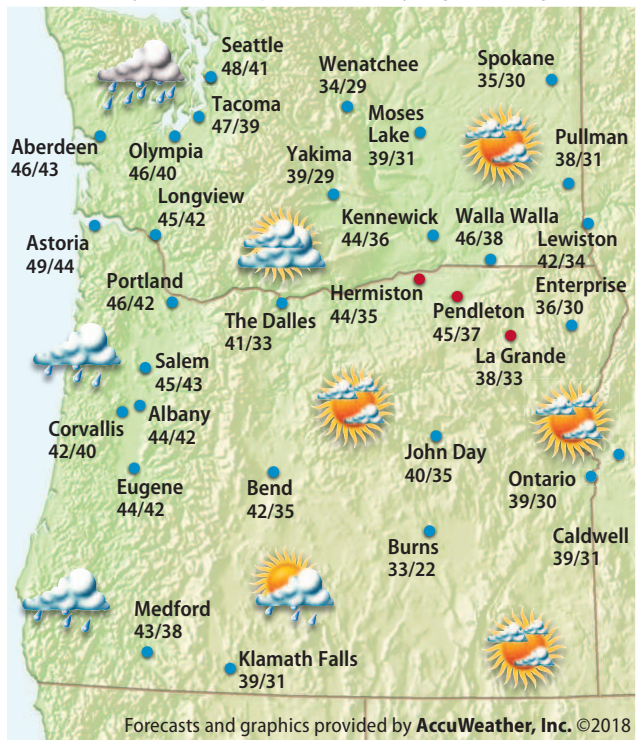
The FDA statement said three ingredients derived from hemp — hulled hemp seeds, hemp seed protein and hemp seed oil — are safe as foods and won't require additional approvals, as long as marketers do not make claims that they treat disease.

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### OREGON FORECAST

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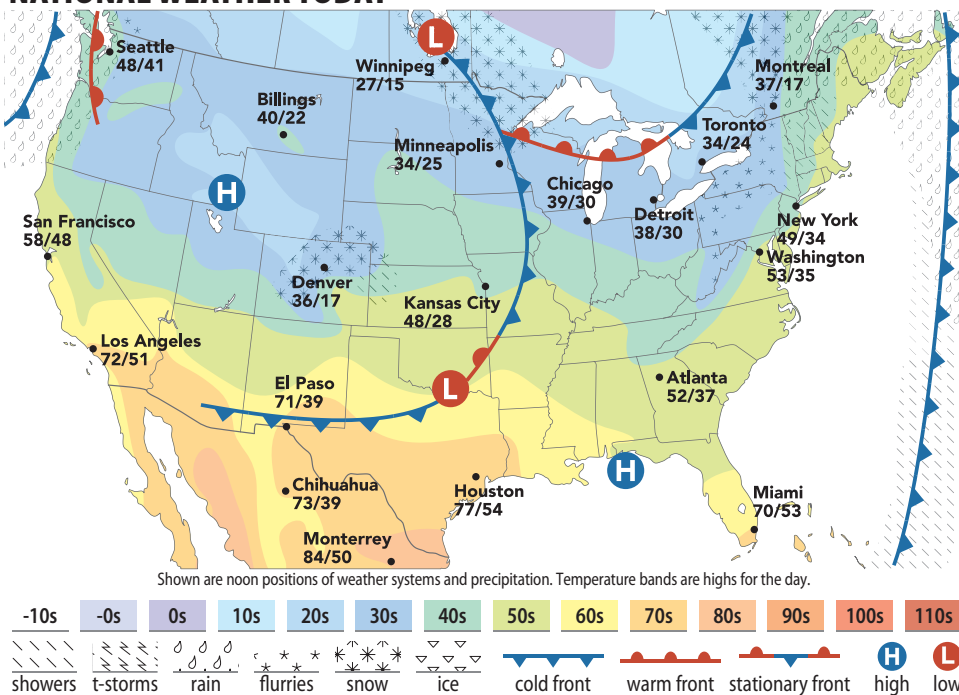
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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	41°	35°
Normals	39°	25°
Records	68° (1933)	-16° (1990)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.01"	
Month to date	0.62"	
Normal month to date	1.04"	
Year to date	9.49"	
Last year to date	15.46"	
Normal year to date	12.51"	
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	47°	38°
Normals	38°	27°
Records	70° (1933)	-12° (1990)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	Trace	
Month to date	0.36"	
Normal month to date	1.03"	
Year to date	7.32"	
Last year to date	8.91"	
Normal year to date	9.50"	
WINDS (in mph)		
Boardman	Today	Sun.
	NE 4-8	WSW 10-20
Pendleton	Today	Sun.
	SE 6-12	SW 10-20
SUN AND MOON		
Sunrise today	7:33 a.m.	
Sunset tonight	4:14 p.m.	
Moonrise today	4:37 p.m.	
Moonset today	7:19 a.m.	
Full	Last	New
Dec 22	Dec 29	Jan 5
		Jan 13

### NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 80° in Marathon, Fla. Low -11° in Daniel, Wyo.

### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



### Third lawsuit over killing barred owls dismissed

SALEM (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed a third lawsuit challenging the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's experiment with killing barred owls to protect threatened spotted owls.

The Capital Press reports U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken ruled that nonprofit group Friends of Animals lacked the legal stand-

ing to file the complaint in federal court.

Barred owls are blamed for displacing the smaller and less aggressive spotted owls in their habitat and occasionally attacking them, contributing to the species' population decline.

While protections for the spotted owl under the Endangered Species Act have greatly restricted log-

ging in federal forests, the bird has nonetheless continued to struggle.

Aiken has found that the nonprofit and its members have not demonstrated sufficient "injury-in-fact" or "cognizable injury" to give them standing to legally challenge the federal action.

Friends of Animals plans to appeal.

**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.

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