

# Washington bans anyone under 21 from buying assault rifles

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SEATTLE — Washington on Tuesday joined a handful of other states that ban anyone under 21 from buying a semi-automatic assault rifle after voters passed a sweeping firearms measure in November that has drawn a court challenge from gun-rights advocates.

The ballot initiative seeks to curb gun violence by toughening background checks for people buying assault rifles, increasing the age limit to buy those firearms and requiring the safe storage of all guns. Only the age-limit portion of the measure goes into effect on Jan. 1; the rest becomes law on July 1.

Kristen Ellingboe, a spokeswoman for the Wash-

ington Alliance for Gun Responsibility, said the initiative was one of the most comprehensive gun-violence prevention measures to pass in the United States. It specifically targeted “semi-automatic assault rifles” in response to mass shootings across the country, she said.

“We’ve seen that assault rifles are the weapon of choice for mass shootings, and when they’re used, more people are killed and injured,” Ellingboe said.

Fifty-nine percent of Washington voters approved Initiative 1639 in the Nov. 6 general election.

“We’ve see time and again that Washington voters want action to prevent gun violence in our state,” Ellingboe said. “They showed that again by supporting 1639 by a wide margin.”



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson, File  
**In this Oct. 2, 2018, file photo, a semi-automatic rifle, with “God Bless America” imprinted on it, is displayed for sale on the wall of a gun shop in Lynnwood, Wash.**

Opponents have sued to block it.

“Starting today, young adults between the ages of 18 to 20 will have their rights to purchase semi-auto-

matic rifles stripped away,” said Dave Workman, a spokesman for the Bellevue, Washington-based Second Amendment Foundation.

The federal lawsuit says

the measure violates the Second and 14th amendments of the Constitution as well as gun sellers’ rights under the Commerce Clause. Plaintiffs in the lawsuit are firearms

dealers in Spokane and Vancouver, a 19-year-old competitive shooter, a 19-year-old in the Army Reserves, a 20-year-old recreational shooter, the Second Amendment Foundation and the National Rifle Association.

Washington Attorney General Bob Ferguson said he “looks forward to representing the people of the state of Washington in court against the NRA.”

“The gun lobby is trying to thwart the will of nearly 60 percent of Washingtonian voters who supported common sense gun reform in our state,” he said in an email.

The full measure, when it goes into effect later this year, will expand the background check process to ensure that vetting for rifle purchases is the same as for buying pistols.

# Oregon may consider exporting marijuana to other states

SALEM (AP) — Marijuana could take the next step toward joining pinot noir and craft beer on Oregon’s list of famous exports, under a proposal likely to go before state lawmakers in the new year.

The *Statesman Journal* reports that the Craft Cannabis Alliance, a business

association led by founder and executive director Adam Smith, is working with legislators to let Oregon start exporting pot to other legal-weed states by 2021.

Among them is Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, who said he also plans to reintroduce provisions from Senate Bill 1042, a simi-

lar proposal that died in the statehouse in 2017.

This comes as the state’s legal weed industry has faced plummeting prices over the past year due to demand not keeping up with supply. Also at issue is whether bad actors are funneling marijuana into the lucrative black market.

The proposals represent

how advocates are trying to move pot onto the forbidden superhighway of interstate trade, which is fraught with regulatory roadblocks. Oregon demands weed grown or sold here stay within state borders, and marijuana remains federally illegal.

Wholesalers could ship across state lines so long

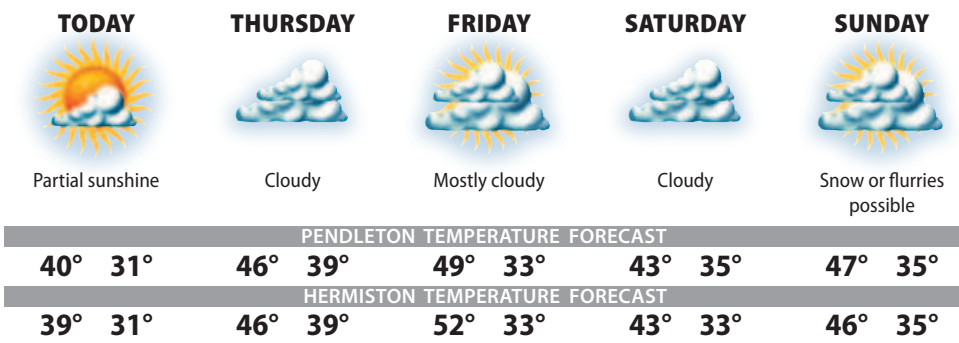
as Oregon’s governor had made a pact with the receiving state to allow those deliveries, according to draft language reviewed by the *Statesman Journal*.

Still, opponents aren’t convinced Oregon would find any takers. “I can’t imagine any state would agree to do this with Ore-

gon,” said Kevin Sabet, president of anti-pot group Smart Approaches to Marijuana.

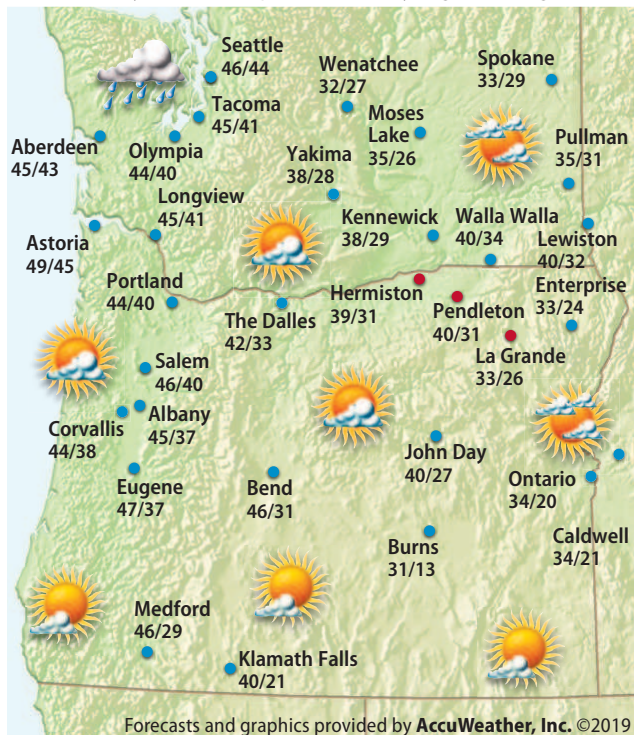
“It looks like a desperate attempt to tackle the out of control black market production that has happened in Oregon since legalization,” Sabet said. “The state should be focusing on how to reduce overall demand and supply.

## Forecast for Pendleton Area



## OREGON FORECAST

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



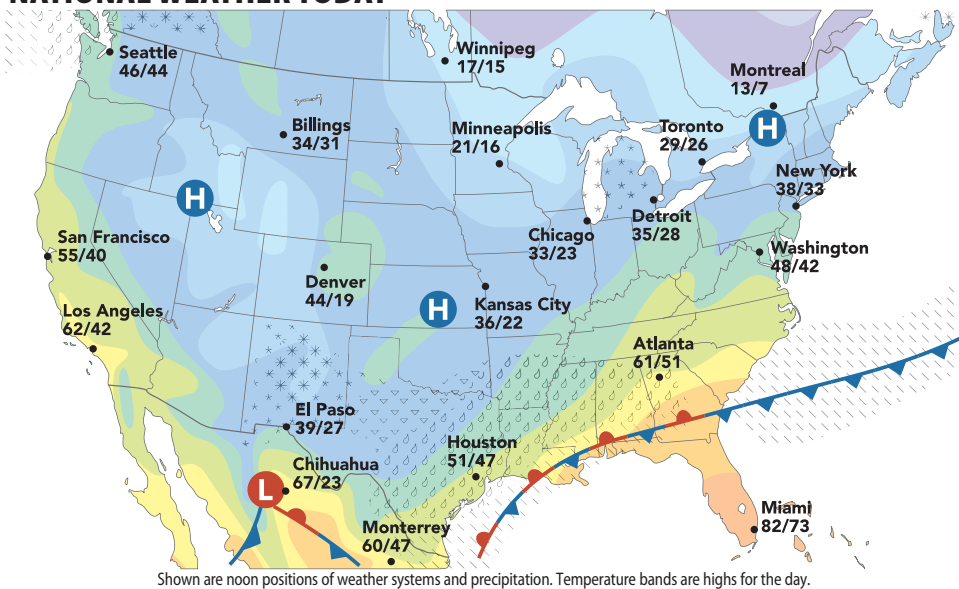
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Normals	40°	26°	
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24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"		
Month to date	0.00"		
Normal month to date	0.06"		
Year to date	0.00"		
Last year to date	0.00"		
Normal year to date	0.06"		
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.			
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW	
Yesterday	39°	20°	
Normals	39°	27°	
Records	60° (1959)	-13° (1979)	
PRECIPITATION			
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"		
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Normal month to date	0.04"		
Year to date	0.00"		
Last year to date	0.00"		
Normal year to date	0.04"		
WINDS (in mph)			
Today	Thu.	Fri.	
Boardman	E 3-6	SW 3-6	
Pendleton	SSE 4-8	SSE 8-16	
SUN AND MOON			
Sunrise today	7:36 a.m.		
Sunset tonight	4:22 p.m.		
Moonrise today	4:20 a.m.		
Moonset today	2:14 p.m.		
New First Full Last			
Jan 5	Jan 13	Jan 20	Jan 27

## NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 88° in Immokalee, Fla. Low -39° in Daniel, Wyo.

## NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



## Drunken driver crashes into officer's patrol car

GLADSTONE (AP) — Authorities say an Oregon police officer is recovering from minor injuries after his patrol car was struck by a suspected drunken driver.

KATU-TV reports a Gladstone police officer was conducting a traffic stop on New Year's Eve when another vehicle slammed into the back of the officer's vehicle.

Police say the driver was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence of intoxicants.

The officer plans to return to duty Tuesday.

Oregon State Police is investigating the crash.

Gladstone is about 10 miles south of Portland.

## Oregon joins other states allowing roadkill for food

PORTLAND (AP) — A new law that went into effect Jan. 1 means people in Oregon will be able to harvest and eat roadkill.

Lawmakers approved the measure in 2017, which states that “salvaging deer and elk struck by vehicles is legal in Oregon.” About 20 other states allow people to take meat from animals killed by vehicles.

In Oregon people must complete and submit an application for a permit within 24 hours of salvaging the elk or deer.

The application cannot be submitted beforehand because it requires specific information about location and time of the salvage.

The antlers must be handed over to the state's wildlife agency.

Intentionally hitting a deer or elk in order to take the meat remains illegal in Oregon.

## BRIEFLY \$152 million Hanford contract awarded to Kennewick company

RICHLAND (AP) — The Department of Energy has awarded a Hanford contract valued at up to \$152 million to a Kennewick company.

The *Tri-City Herald* reports HPM Corp., which is currently the occupational medical contractor for the Hanford nuclear reservation, has won the new Hanford Occupational Medical Services Contract.

It is the first of five major contracts the Department of Energy plans to award over the next two years to replace expiring contracts.

Under the seven-year contract, HPM Corp. will provide services to up to 9,000 workers.

Services range from basic first aid to exams to evaluate employees' injuries and illnesses to set possible work restrictions.

HPM's current Hanford contract for six years, plus extensions totaling five months, is valued at almost \$107 million.

Chief executive Scott Brodeur says some of the increased expense of the new contract will cover expanded clinic hours for Hanford workers.

## Mom accused of giving baby methadone faces \$900K lawsuit

PORTLAND (AP) — An Albany woman who is criminally accused of doping her 5-month-old baby with methadone reportedly to get him to sleep now faces a \$900,000 lawsuit.

The *Oregonian*/OregonLive reports the lawsuit, filed Friday by a lawyer represent-

ing the interests of her son, also attempts to stop Magan McDermott from collecting a \$130,000 pending payment from the state for the death of her 15-year-old daughter.

McDermott lost custody of her daughter in 2015, and her daughter died from gastrointestinal problems in 2016 under the watch of the Oregon Department of Human Services. The lawsuit states that the \$130,000 is the only asset that 34-year-old McDermott has.

McDermott has been in Benton County Jail since November, and her criminal attorney couldn't be reached for comment on her behalf.

She has pleaded not guilty to charges including delivery of methadone to a minor.

## Police: Man impersonated officer to rob Bend used car lot

BEND (AP) — Police say a masked man who wielded a hammer and claimed to be a law-enforcement officer robbed the owners of a used car lot in Bend.

The *Bulletin* reports Bend police officers arrested the 50-year-old man following a short foot chase from the lot Saturday.

Police say the man had a badge pinned to his chest and yelled “sheriff” as he entered Local Motors.

The man ordered business owner Christina Matlock to go outside as he handcuffed fellow owner Morgan Matlock. A 6-year-old boy was also inside the business at the time.

Officers arrived at the lot as the robbery was occurring. The man ran when he saw police.

The man was arrested on suspicion of several crimes, including robbery, kidnapping and impersonating a police officer.

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