



Oregon bill would hike beer tax 2,800%

BY SIERRA DAWN McCLAIN

Capital Press

SALEM — Oregon legislators introduced House Bill 3296, dubbed the Addiction Crisis Recovery Act on Tuesday, which would increase the state's beer tax by 2,800% and wine tax by 1,700%. Based on industry estimates, HB 3296 would

increase the cost of every bottle of wine sold in Oregon by more than \$2. The tax would be even higher on ciders and beers.

The bill's supporters say it will reduce underage and binge drinking by raising the wholesale price of alcohol, and the money raised from taxes will be invested in treatment and recovery

programs and infrastructure for people with alcohol addiction.

Opponents, including beer, wine and cider business leaders, say the proposed tax could devastate their industries at a time when they're already struggling during the pandemic.

"It is unfathomable to think that now is an

appropriate time to increase any tax on one of Oregon's homegrown industries that has suffered the most during the COVID-19 pandemic, let alone one of this magnitude," Scott Kelley, owner and winemaker at Paul O'Brien Winerv in Roseburg, said in a statement Wednesday.

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Caldera High School

Building — and academic culture — taking shape

Courses will stress lessons that apply to post-graduate life

BY JACKSON HOGAN The Bulletin

riving south on SE 15th Street in Bend, the new Caldera High School almost looks complete.

Some aspects of the building are nearly finished, like the gym and many career and technical education classrooms. But others — namely, traditional classroom spaces — still look like an active, dusty construction site.

Kirby Nagelhout Construction Co. crews are still putting the finishing touches on the towering Caldera High School in the southeastern corner of the city. At the same time, Caldera educators also are busy brainstorming what the school's academic focus and culture will be when students walk through the doors in September.

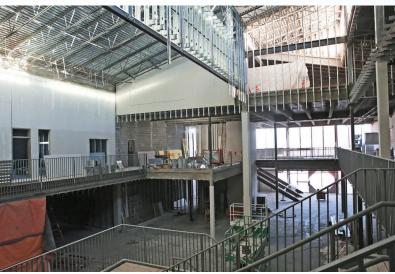
As of now, school leaders like Principal Chris Boyd plan to emphasize lessons that can be applied to post-graduate life.

"For a number of our students, they go through school wondering, 'Why am I learning this?" Boyd said. "We're going to work really hard to answer that question for students."

Preparing students for adult world

One way Caldera High School will prioritize real-world learning is through its multitude of career and technical education courses, commonly referred to as CTE.

Not only will Caldera offer courses like woodshop, business and manufacturing classes already found at other Bend-La Pine high schools — but the school will combine these courses in unique ways, Boyd said. Careers typically require knowing multiple skill sets, he said. See Caldera / A6



Dean Guernsey/The Bulletin photos An expansive open design makes the library a central feature at Caldera High School.

Oregon OSHA cites builders for safety violations in death

BY GARRETT ANDREWS The Bulletin

The builder of the \$114-million Caldera High School project in Bend maintained unsafe conditions that contributed to the death of a 38-year-old roofer in August, according to a safety report by Oregon Occupational Safety and Health.

General contractor Kirby Nagelhout Construction Co. was cited for a single "serious" safety violation and fined \$2,450. Its roofing subcontractor, River Roofing, was also cited for a seri-

ous violation and fined \$3,600. The inspection report, released this week to The Bulletin through a public records request, sheds light on the accident that killed James Andrew Bickers and the conditions inspectors with Oregon OSHA say contributed to it.

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OREGON POLITICS

Republicans stage one-day walkout, again

Senate protests Gov. Brown's emergency COVID-19 order

BY GARY A. WARNER

For the Oregon Capital Bureau

A one-day Republican walkout in the Oregon Senate on Thursday was sparked by Gov. Kate Brown's announcement that she will extend the COVID-19 state of emergency until

"We had to get their attention," said Sen. Tim Knopp, R-Bend, one of the lawmakers who was not present for Thursday's scheduled session.

The Republicans sent a letter to Brown protesting her decision and other COVID-19 restrictions and calling on her to support re-opening the state Capitol, which has been closed since March 2020. "We need an open process for our constit-

uents to engage in testimony on bills," said Sen. Bill Hansell, R-Athena. "We want transparency so people can have a voice in what is going on." Hansell said he was taking part in virtual

committee hearings on Thursday and will continue until the next scheduled Senate floor session on March 3.

"I plan to be there," Hansell said. The emergency declaration extended Thursday gives the governor the legal power to issue executive orders on health and safety, including restrictions on businesses, schools, meetings and activities. It also now covers vaccine distribution.

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Culinary institute receives exemplary accreditation

BY JACKSON HOGAN

The Bulletin

Instructors at Cascade Culinary Institute — the culinary school at Central Oregon Community College — don't rely on recipes to teach their 80 students how to cook and

This academic term, when students learn to make adobo fried chicken or salade niçoise with hot salmon, they'll focus on mastering frying and roasting, which can be applied to various dishes, said Wayne Yeatman, chair of the Cascade Culinary Institute.

"We could do 10 dishes for 10 terms, and have the techniques be the same," he said. "If you teach ratios and techniques, you don't need the recipe."

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