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# Oil train safety again a topic of discussion



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A train with tank cars rolls along near Revere Avenue and the Parkway in Bend on Tuesday.

*City environmental committee to study the issue and provide recommendations*

BY BRENNNA VISSER  
The Bulletin

**F**ears that an oil train traveling through Bend could explode near homes and businesses has come to the forefront again for the City Council, which has encouraged development by the railroad tracks along U.S. Highway 97.

Earlier this month, council members Melanie Kebler and Gena Goodman-Campbell raised safety issues around oil train derailments, and with council support, sent the issue to the city's environmental committee to study.

"If we are trying to create a denser, more complete neighborhood...it's important we look at safety concerns, and that includes safety concerns of what is being transported right next to it on the railroad," Kebler said Thursday.

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A tank car labeled with liquefied petroleum gas rests on the tracks near NW Irving Avenue as traffic passes by on the Parkway in Bend.

## State and local governments in Oregon

# Federal relief bill provides \$4.3 billion

BY HILLARY BORRUD

The Oregonian

Oregon cities and counties and the state government are set to receive a combined \$4.3 billion from the \$1.9 trillion aid package Congress passed earlier this month.

The largest chunk, \$2.6 billion, will go to the state to spend on Oregon's response to the pandemic or other uses. Budget analysts are working to pin down the level of flexibility the state has to spend the funds.

Oregon will also receive \$155 million for the state government to spend on capital projects, and county, city and other local governments are slated to receive a total of \$1.5 billion, according to information from U.S. Senate Democrats.

That is on top of the \$1.1 billion the federal relief law will send to Oregon schools.

### Spending options

As for how the state government could spend its share, a spokesperson for Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said the options include paying for the government's response to the pandemic and providing premium pay to essential workers.

"Offsetting lost revenues to provide essential government services" is another option, Hank Stern wrote in an email, as is paying for water, sewer and broadband infrastructure.

Oregon's tax revenues have continued to exceed economists' expectations during the pandemic and ensuing recession, so much so that they are on track to trigger the state's one-of-a-kind "kicker" tax rebate, which would send some of the windfall back to taxpayers as credits when they file taxes in 2022.

Economists and state budget analysts have predicted a more challenging fiscal picture for the 2021-23 biennium, which begins July 1.

Lawmakers must pass that budget by the end of June.

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## COVID-19 | Education in Central Oregon

# Educator's curriculum expands to at-home learning

*When pandemic forced students to learn at home, a new version of lessons helped parents*

BY JACKSON HOGAN  
The Bulletin

Melody Horner's daughter, a second grader at Silver Rail Elementary School, was struggling with distance learning at home in the fall of 2020. And Horner's 5-year-old son, who had difficulty controlling his emotions, was stuck on a waitlist to see a counselor.

To help with the stress, Horner reached out to her daughter's former kindergarten teacher, Lindsey Kealey, for advice. Kealey did more than give her tips: She gave Horner

books and materials from her PAWSitive Choices curriculum.

PAWSitive Choices — designed to help kids process emotions in a healthy way and teach them problem-solving techniques — was helpful, Horner said.

"My son actually will come to me and tell me, 'It's just a feeling, but I'm feeling this,' versus being so mad and having a breakdown," she said. "I have been so impressed and grateful for Lindsey."

And even though Horner's

daughter returned to in-person school in January, she still plans to use PAWSitive Choices in her home.

"I will use the curriculum until my kids are grown," she said.

Kealey's PAWSitive Choices program began as one teacher in 2018 at Silver Rail Elementary, teaching kids about problem-solving, emotions and self-awareness through simple, colorful, animal-themed illustrations and worksheets.

Now, as of March, the program has expanded greatly. Thirteen elementary schools in Bend-La Pine Schools use it, as well as five publicly funded

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Central Oregon preschools and a few classrooms in Redmond, Madras and Klamath Falls.

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Melody Horner's children Rylan Cox, 5, left, and Aya Zukoski, 7, read a book included in the PAWSitive Choices curriculum.

