Cloudy and cooler

Cloudy with a brief shower

or two

71/31

68/31

McDermitt

possible

**UV INDEX TODAY** 10 a.m. 2 p.m. 4 p.m. The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Low 3-5 Moderate: 6-7 High: 8-10 Very High: 11+ Extreme POLLEN COUNT

May 3

Tonight's sky: The Lyrid meteor shower

Apr 26

Weeds Trees Very high Absent Source: Oregon Allergy Associates 541-683-1577 **WATER REPORT** Acre feet Reservoir Capacity Crane Prairie 47250 85% Wickiup 108536 Crescent Lake 22057 25% 11589 26%

Ochoco Reservoir Prineville 91333 Station River flow Cu.ft./sec. Deschutes R. below Crane Prairie Deschutes R. below Wickiup 912 Deschutes R. at Benham Falls 1120 Crescent Ck. below Crescent Lake Crooked R. below Prineville Res Ochoco Ck. below Ochoco Res **SKI REPORT** 

Ski resort Mt. Bachelor Mt. Hood Meadows Timberline Lodge 0-162 Aspen / Snowmass, CO Mammoth Mtn. Ski, CA 34-64

LOW 31°

Clear to partly cloudy

Friday

AccuWeather

EAST: Partly sunny

Mild with intervals of clouds and sunshine

Astoria

Gold Beach 55/44

35°

Rain

A couple of showers

33°

shower possible

Last New First May 19

May 11

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

61%

14 313 In inches as of 5 p.m. yesterday Base 74-104

**Gas tax** 

opt out of tracking their mileage and pay a flat annual fee of \$400, a provision that would expire in 2030.

The miles traveled fee and the looming issue of finding a way to supplement and ultinew — Oregon first started studying that topic decades ago. In 2001, the state created a task force to study the issue and subsequently led the nation in adopting a pilot project in the mid-2000s. In 2013, the Legislature created what became its voluntary OReGo program that allows drivers to opt in and pay a per-mile

charge, now 1.8 cents.
The Joint Committee on Transportation held a public hearing Tuesday on the proposal, which was created by a comprising transportation officials and advocates as well as

the 2027 timeline. Lively also noted that there would be millions of cars on the road not required to participate. "We still have an enormous amount of transition to do," he said.

According to some who testified before the Legislature Tuesday, Oregon is risking losing its status as a transportation innovator because the bill as written does nothing to discourage drivers from buying gasoline-powered vehicles.

"It makes a bad situation worse," Angus Duncan, former chair of the Oregon Global Warming Commission, told lawmakers Tuesday. "It will increase the cost of driving an efficient vehicle while continuing to

He suggested Oregon do what California and Washington are currently considering, which is link a driver's "vehicle miles traveled" fee to a formula that factors in the fuel efficiency of their vehicle. Another option would be to simultane**OREGON WEATHER** 

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

Thursday with a gusty °56/45 afternoon wind. Fair Seaside 57/44 weather Thursday night. Mostly sunny Hillsboro Portland 66/40 **CENTRAL:** Partly Tillamook 63/42 60/35 sunny, breezy and mild Thursday. Fair 55/44 Lincoln City 67/37 Camp 52/34 Thursday night. Some 53/45 sun and pleasant Warm Springs 66/32 Newport 53/43 Baker City 62/41 Camp Sherman WEST: Partly sunny Redmond 67/27 • Prin Corvallis 60/40 and cooler Thursday. **Yachats** •Prineville 67/29 Partly cloudy Thursday night. Mostly cloudy Sisters 64/28 52/44 Day 65/34 Ontario Eugene \*Bend 66/31 and cool Friday. 54/45 Sunriver . 62/27 73/41 • La Pine 62/27 **OREGON EXTREMES** Coos Bay **YESTERDAY** 55/41 Fort Rock High: 79° 61/26 Bandon 54/42 Christmas Valley at Scappoos Low: 20° Silver Lake 66/27 Frenchgler 66/26 64/31 Marsh 61/24 67/29 at Baker City Port Orford Grants Burns Junction 69/31 Chiloquin 68/28

Get the new app Yesterday Yesterday Friday Yesterday City Hi/Lo/Prec Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/Prec Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/Prec. Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W 57/47/0.00 Astoria 56/45/c 56/44/c La Grande 65/35/0.00 64/37/pc 65/43/pc Portland 78/47/0.00 67/45/pc 65/46/c 66/40/pd Prineville 75/46/0.00 59/42/pc 54/45/0 Medford 74/40/s 74/47/pc 68/26/0.00 67/27/s 69/39/pc 67/28/0.00 67/25/p 67/36/pc 54/45/0.00 53/43/pc 53/43/pc 77/42/0.00 70/40/s 68/45/pc 68/41/s 65/25/s 67/24/s 65/44/pc 67/38/pc 68/37/pc 66/42/s 64/28/s 68/43/s 66/43/pc 69/39/pc 69/48/pc 78/44/0.00 Neather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, shi-ice, Tr-trace, Yesterday data as of 5 p.m. yesterday

Klamath

**NATIONAL WEATHER** -10s -0s 0s 10s 20s 30s 40s 50s 60s 70s 80s 90s 100s 110s NATIONAL EXTREMES Seattle 65/47 YESTERDAY (for the 48 contiguous states) 64/33 National high: 93° 44/31 Detroit 42/33 National low: -8° Precipitation: 0.881 Denve 49/33 70/43 73/65 Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Showers Snow Flurries T-storms Rain Cold Front Warm Front

**TRAVEL WEATHER** City Hi/Lo/Prec Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W City Hi/Lo/Pred Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W 84/52/t 58/40/s 57/41/s 66/43/pc 47/36/s 57/37/s 57/47/r 59/42/pc 84/60/s 43/25/0.00 78/66/0.00 Albuquerque 70/43/pc Las Vegas Anchorage 51/32/0.00 Lexington 44/31/0.21 52/34/pc 60/47/s 69/55/c 60/48/s 78/54/t 59/53/0.00 Little Rock 62/35/0.00 Atlantic City 51/43/pc 66/59/0.00 Austin 64/42/0.00 70/63/c Los Angeles 64/55/sh 66/54/pc 64/40/5 Louisville 50/33/0.41 57/40/pc 64/52/pc 52/42/c 50/33/0.41 46/25/0.01 57/35/Tr 88/77/0.13 41/32/0.11 43/29/Tr 40/30/0 70/55/0 41/21/st 51/24/0.00 58/40/n 65/38/0.00 72/48/0.24 67/50/pc 61/47/s 61/46/s Minneapolis 62/43/s 62/44/s 54/36/0.08 Bridgeport, C1 62/49/0.36 51/38/pc Nashville 68/51/pc New Orleans 68/57/0.11 Burlington, VT New York City 52/40/pd 45/34/0 Caribou, ME 41/35/0.60 38/28/ Newark, NJ 65/47/9 45/34/c 72/57/pc 67/50/pc 69/52/c 48/28/sh 56/44/pc 60/46/c 58/42/s 83/56/0.00 66/44/s Norfolk, VA Oklahoma City 79/54/0.10 61/46/pc 57/51/r 65/48/9 73/52/0.00 63/39/9 59/29/0.00 55/42/Tr 32/19/0.01 50/34/Tr 45/32/0.61 48/32/Tr 85/67/0.00 82/62/0.00 50/29/Tr Cincinnat Peoria Philadelphia 73/56/0.01 Cleveland 37/32/0.62 52/39/pc 63/45/s Colorado Springs Columbia, MO Columbia, SC 43/27/Ti 51/32/sh 58/50/r Phoenix 93/65/0.00 84/62/s 52/28/0.04 58/43/s 40/32/0.09 47/32/pc 44/35/c 59/38/pc 57/42/pc 80/52/Ti 66/39/s 72/53/0 Portland, ME 60/39/0.15 Columbus, GA Columbus, OH 67/52/0.00 68/45/s 73/58/0 70/47/0.07 59/43/pc 59/40/pc 82/69/r 75/58/t 44/32/0 32 49/32/ 77/53/0 00 66/60/c 50/34/pc Rochester, N Dayton 59/46/pc 56/33/sh Denver 37/27/0.09 Sacramento 79/47/0.00 78/47/s 77/49/s Des Moines St. Louis 44/29/0.13 60/43/9 Salt Lake City 58/44/0.00 62/45/9 63/48/sh Duluth 59/39/s 50/31/0 San Antonio 70/47/0.00 69/65/6 75/44/0.00 76/53/pc 55/31/s 64/59/Tr 65/58/sh 47/20/0.00 64/52/0.00 42/22/c 60/31/s 58/42/pc 57/41/pc 64/46/s 62/50/pc 68/48/s 67/35/pc 68/44/s 65/47/pc 59/41/s 69/49/0.00 61/30/0.00 83/59/0.00 73/49/0.00 56/18/Tr 61/32/0.00 42/26/0.02 43/27/0.05 Green Bay 57/40/pc Sioux Falls 71/52/0.00 50/20/0.01 58/33/c Harrisburg Hartford, CT 64/57/T 64/40/s 62/42/s Spokane 68/36/0.00 64/37/sh 62/45/pc 69/40/0.13 Springfield, MO Tampa 52/26/0.00 57/44/pc 62/51/r 85/71/pc 58/23/0.00 46/28/0 51/35/0 86/71/0.00 81/63/s 84/71/pc 77/69/t 68/52/c 58/46/pc 72/61/c 76/63/pc Tucson
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Drivers would also be able to

mately replace the gas tax isn't

state task force formed in 2001

local and state lawmakers. Rep. John Lively, D-Springfield, the bill's sponsor and that task force's vice-chair, said the legislation is intended to serve as a starting point. "Many of us feel we should make the transition faster than that," he said of

reward drivers of gas guzzlers."

ously increase the gas tax further and index it to inflation.

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State transportation officials said the 2027 timeline is predicated on an estimate that onethird of new cars will meet the 30 miles per gallon or greater threshold.

Some legislative amendments introduced this week take stabs at doing more. One proposal would eliminate the fuel effiall drivers of new vehicles pay the fee. Another amendment, backed by Rep. Susan McLain, D-Forest Grove, would eliminate the fuel efficiency requirement while also requiring some vehicles' owners to pay an additional fee to reflect the damage greenhouse gas emissions inflict on the environment.

Vivian Satterfield, director of strategic partnerships at Cully-based environmental nonprofit Verde, said the state should do more to raise costs for fossil-burning vehicles.

Several lawmakers echoed the concern that drivers of high fuel efficiency vehicles would pay the same rate as someone who drives significantly more in a less efficient vehicle. "I don't think that's appropriate,"

said Sen. Lynn Findley, R-Vale. Other lawmakers expressed concern about privacy, including GPS tracking software needed to report mileage.

## Marijuana

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Some studies have linked high-THC pot, especially when used daily, with the likelihood of psychosis and certain other mental health problems. But there is debate over whether one causes the other.

Dr. Rachel Knox, an Oregon physician who counsels patients on using cannabis for various conditions, said she doesn't see an increased risk of psychosis for people using such products under medical oversight.

She opposes capping potency but suggests that products containing over 70% THC should be reserved for medical users while research continues.

"I think we should treat it with both freedom and with kid gloves," says Knox, a former chair of the Oregon Cannabis Commission and a board member of the Minority Cannabis Business Association, a trade group.

But Colorado pediatrician and state Rep. Dr. Yadira Caraveo says she has seen the dangers of high-THC canna-

One of her adolescent patients who used high-potency pot daily was repeatedly hospitalized with severe vomiting linked to heavy marijuana use, and another needed psychiatric hospitalization after the drug exacerbated his mental health problems, said Caraveo. She's thinking about proposing a potency cap.

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"I'm not interested in going back to criminalization," reason that I ran, and what I continue to do with the Legislature every day, is to protect public health."

Various states have regulated how many milligrams of THC can be in a single serving, package or retail sale, at least for some products. Vermont took a different approach, limiting the

percentage of the chemical in any amount of recreational pot — 30% for flower-form marijuana and 60% for concentrates. Nationally, the U.S. Senate's bipartisan Caucus on International Narcotics Control suggested last month that federal health agencies study whether pot potency should be limited.

Legalization supporters say

caps will backfire. "Consumer demand for these products is not going to go away, and re-criminalizing them will only push this consumer base to seek out similar products in the unregulated illicit market," Paul Armentano, the deputy director of NORML, wrote in a recent op-ed in the Denver newspaper Westword.

## Farm code

The items must be "personal" to the farm's owners or immediate family and cannot pose a greater hazard than regular farm uses.

However, HB 2611 may encounter further revisions now that it's being considered by the Senate.

Rep. Susan McLain, R-Hill-

sboro, said she'd voted the bill out of committee despite concerns of building code enforcers who wanted to specify that nonfarm uses be "temporary."

That requirement wasn't ultimately included in the version of HB 2611 passed by the House.

The Oregon Farm Bureau preferred not to include the "temporary" requirement be-cause it could have arbitrarily limited storage to six months, while some items might need to be stored for seven or eight months, said Samantha Bayer, the organization's policy counsel. Also, the temporary requirement would likely "be difficult to enforce," she said.



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