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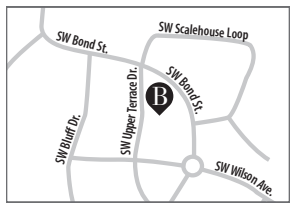
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION

COVID-19 data for Monday, Sept. 20

Deschutes County cases: 16,623 (225 new cases)
Deschutes County deaths: 102 (2 new deaths)
Crook County cases: 2,123 (3 new cases)
Crook County deaths: 38 (1 new death)

Jefferson County cases: 3,137 (32 new cases)
Jefferson County deaths: 46 (zero new deaths)
Oregon cases: 313,161 (3,359 new cases)
Oregon deaths: 3,594 (25 new deaths)
COVID-19 patients hospitalized at St. Charles Bend on Monday: 97 (15 in ICU).

The Bulletin had been tracking the seven-day average case count based on state data since local coronavirus cases were first reported in March of last year. Starting with the July Fourth weekend, the state stopped providing county-level data for weekends or holidays. When data is available, The Bulletin will continue to publish information about the pandemic.

Kotek cancels redistricting deal with GOP

Republicans cry foul, call rescinding deal an egregious move

BY SARA CLINE

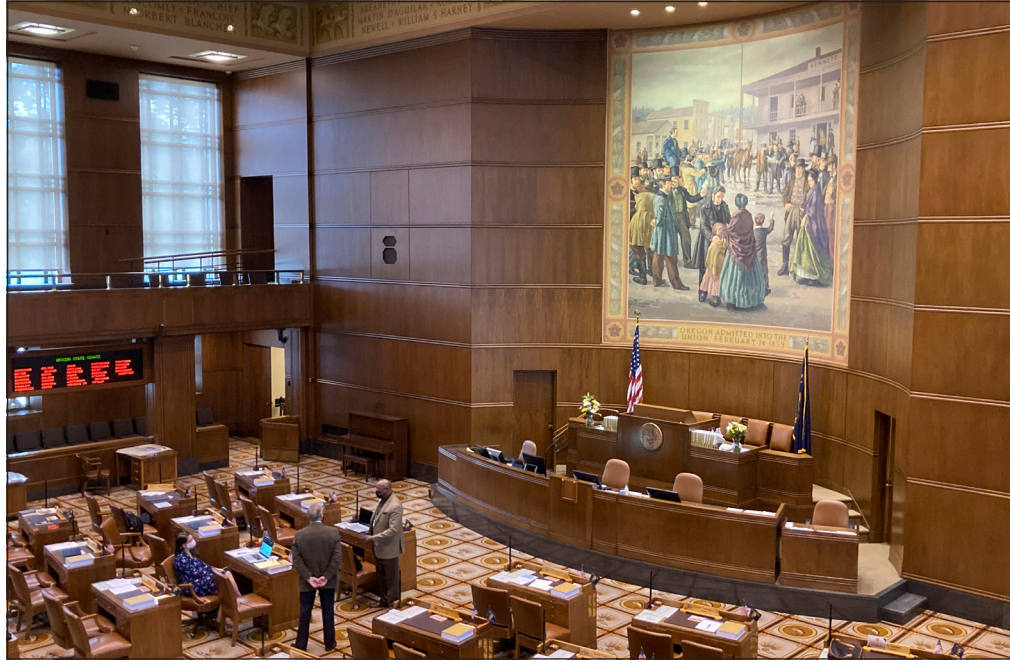
Associated Press/Report for America
The Democratic speaker of the Oregon House on Monday rescinded a deal she made with Republicans to share power as lawmakers redraw political boundaries and add an additional U.S. House seat for the state.

The now-defunct agreement made earlier this year had drawn national attention because Democrats, who have overwhelming majorities in the Legislature, had agreed to give up that redistricting advantage as they determine how voters will pick state representatives, state senators and members of Congress for the next five election cycles.

Oregon lawmakers returned to the state Capitol on Monday for a special session to tackle the once-a-decade task of redistricting, which will determine how voters pick state representatives, state senators and members of Congress for the next five election cycles.

House Speaker Tina Kotek's about-face means her Democratic Party will likely end up with five U.S. House seats to the GOP's one. Currently, Democrats control four of the five House seats in Oregon.

Republican lawmakers accused Democrats of gerrymandering — the manipulation of



Andrew Selsky/AP

A handful of senators talk on the floor of the Oregon Senate on Monday as the Legislature conducted a special session to consider redistricting. The aim of the session is to pass new legislative and congressional district maps which the state will use for elections.

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— Rep. David Brock Smith, R-Port Orford

electoral district boundaries to win an unfair political advantage.

"What has just occurred is shameful and lacks integrity," Rep. David Brock Smith, a Republican, said on the House floor. "It shows the lack of ability to keep your word"

Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis, who is now the sole Republican on the three-person House congressional redistricting

committee that is trying to create and vote on the new map — described Kotek's decision as "egregious."

"The maps that we are looking at are unfair, and the only way they are going through is by cheating," Boshart said.

In a statement Kotek said she was "disappointed that after many months of work, House Republicans did not engage constructively despite

many attempts to address their concerns" and lead to her decision to void the standing deal.

In April during the 2021 legislative session Kotek made the deal with Republicans that in exchange for the GOP to stop blocking bills with delaying tactics Kotek would evenly split the House Redistricting Committee — essentially granting veto power to the GOP.

The deal gave Republicans a weightier say over what the six congressional districts and the state's 90 legislative districts will look like.

The Senate on Monday passed the Democrats' congressional redistricting bill by

a vote of 18-11. The House is scheduled to reconvene Tuesday morning.

It's unclear whether Kotek's maneuver will work. Republicans could react to the breach of the earlier deal by walking away from the Capitol to deny Democrats a quorum.

The Democrats' map proposes that new congressional District 6 should be south of Portland and west of Interstate 5. Republicans also put it south of Portland, but on the east side of the interstate.

If maps are not passed during the session, Democrats have retained a backstop — specifically when it comes to legislative districts. If lawmakers fail to successfully pass new legislative boundaries by Sept. 27, the task will fall to Secretary of State Shemia Fagan, a progressive Democrat who few Republicans would want to see in charge of that process.

Furthermore, if lawmakers fail to come to an agreement on new U.S. House districts by late September, then it would be settled by a five-judge panel.

Lawmakers have succeeded in passing redistricting plans just twice since 1911.

Democrats in various states — including Colorado, Virginia and Oregon — have argued that the redistricting process should not be a partisan brawl. Some lawmakers have pushed for independent commissions to do the work of rebalancing population changes into congressional districts and others have formed evenly split committees made of lawmakers.

Newberg school employee goes to work in blackface, put on leave

The Associated Press

An employee at a school outside Portland went to work in blackface last week and has been placed on administrative leave, according to a message from the district.

KTVL-TV reports the Newberg School District wrote, "It is important to remember how Blackface has been used to misrepresent Black communities and do harm. We acknowledge the violence this represents and the trauma it evokes regardless of intention."

The school board has scheduled a special meeting Wednesday night to take public comment on its "recent actions, tabled motions, and upcoming decisions that may include the ban on political or controversial displays, changes to the Anti-Racism Resolution 2020-04 language."

In August the school board



People protest on Aug. 24 a school policy that bans Black Lives Matter and Pride flags across Newberg School District.
Jozie Donaghey/AP

voted to ban pride flags, flags reading Black Lives Matter and any broadly "political" signs, clothing, and other items. Supporters of the ban said the signs were "divisive," and that signs don't make people feel safe.

The action went against recent state efforts to highlight support for students, includ-

ing the Oregon Department of Education's Black Lives Matter October 2020 resolution and recent efforts to help LGBTQ+ students.

The Department of Education, the city of Newberg, the American Civil Liberties Union, some lawmakers and others have called for the board to reverse course.

STATE BRIEFING

\$1M will fund more mental health response teams

The Biden administration announced Monday that Oregon will receive nearly \$1 million of the \$15 million earmarked under the American Rescue Plan to help launch nonpolice response teams to respond to people experiencing mental health crises outdoors.

The national effort is specifically aimed at helping expanded programs like the one in Eugene, known as Co-hoots, run by the nonprofit White Bird Clinic.

"This grant will kick-start the effort to help those experiencing a mental health crisis in Oregon get the services they need and reduce the prospect of an encounter with law enforcement," Oregon's U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden said in a statement. "I'm optimistic that next year communities around our state and country will be able to implement mobile crisis in-

tervention services with this major investment from Medicaid."

Instead of sending police to mental health or substance use emergencies, the programs are intended to send trained behavioral health workers. The planning grants will pay for the development of crisis intervention teams. The funding is not long-term but is intended to help build out the infrastructure and training needed to launch these teams.

The money can be used to assess Oregon's current service structure, provide behavioral health training, seek technical assistance and to build out the capacity of information systems. The \$952,951 that Oregon is set to receive will go directly to the Oregon Health Authority for planning to build a statewide mobile crisis program, said Hank Stern, Wyden's spokesperson.

— The Oregonian

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