



Wallowa Lake barrels. Divers hauled up five barrels from the bottom of Wallowa Lake after finding a total of 74, most of them unlabeled and rusted out. Of the five, one had been marked as containing defoliants used in the making of Agent Orange, and EPA officials determined the remaining barrels did not pose an imminent risk to people or wildlife. **A2**

2019 LEGISLATURE

Gas prices fuel climate bill debate

Cap and trade heads to the Senate as lawmakers weigh costs

Ted Sickinger *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

Debate over the proposal to enact a carbon cap and trade scheme in Oregon has intensified, with a solid wall of Republicans and a few stray Democrats criticizing the bill's hefty impact on fossil fuel prices, jobs and the state economy.

At the heart of that criticism, and likely to be the most evident day-to-day impact of the policy is the price Oregonians would pay at the pump as transportation fuel providers pass on the cost of "emission allowances" they would be required to buy.

For drivers, that means higher gas and diesel prices — significantly higher as time goes on.

This is the no-pain-no-gain reality at the heart of the "market-based" cap and trade policy. If businesses and consumers don't feel it in their wallets, they won't change their behavior and reduce emissions.

It's also true that the price impact would fall heaviest on rural residents who travel longer distances, drive vehicles that are less fuel efficient and have fewer public transit options. They also have lower incomes, on average.

Likewise, truckers and businesses that rely on heavy vehicles may be hard hit, and that cost could easily show up in higher prices at the grocery store, etc. — cost impacts that would also likely be higher in rural areas of the state.

"The bill makes the urban-rural divide stronger than ever because the biggest



Andrew Levy, *The Plain Dealer*

DISABILITY RIGHTS OREGON

Report: Hospital calls criminalize mental illness

Police are called in to take away people facilities label 'unwanted'

Maxine Bernstein *The Oregonian/OregonLive*

They're classified as "unwanted" on hospital security and police reports.

Betty, 76, was one — a partially blind and homeless woman suffering from the onset of dementia last fall. She refused to leave the emergency department at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center.

The Northwest Portland hospital called Portland police, who showed up about midnight.

Betty told an officer she had no plans to leave. The officer contacted Multnomah County's Adult Protective Services. The agency was familiar with the woman but wouldn't provide a voucher to stay in a motel because she had a history of causing property damage and hoarding. The officer asked a sergeant if Betty could stay in the precinct's lobby, but the police supervisor decided that wouldn't be safe.

So the officer took the elderly woman to jail, booking her on a trespass allegation.

She was among more than 100 people arrested for trespassing at five Portland hospitals and the metro area's psychiatric emergency department from the summer of 2017

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