

## Father's Day

According to the National Retail Federation's annual survey, U.S. consumers are expected to spend more than ever on Father's Day gifts. The survey found that spending could reach \$16 billion. "Consumers ages 35-44 plan to spend the most at an average \$197.66, over \$100 more than this age group spent 10 years ago," said the release from NRF. As you can see from the image below, spending on clothing and gift cards are expected to amount to almost \$5 billion in sales. [Click here](#) to read more.

### Planned Gift Purchases for Father's Day 2019

	Gift category	Percent planning to purchase	Expected average per-person spending	Expected total spending
	Greeting cards	61.7%	\$7.22	\$830 million
	Special outing	46.8%	\$29.10	\$3.3 billion
	Clothing	46.0%	\$21.88	\$2.5 billion
	Gift cards	43.0%	\$19.64	\$2.3 billion
	Books/CDs	21.5%	\$5.12	\$588 million
	Personal care	20.5%	\$7.88	\$905 million
	Electronics	20.4%	\$15.80	\$1.8 billion
	Tools or appliances	17.6%	\$7.51	\$863 million
	Home improvement or gardening supplies	16.5%	\$8.07	\$927 million
	Sporting goods	16.3%	\$7.16	\$822 million
	Automotive accessories	15.7%	\$6.17	\$708 million
	Other	16.6%	\$3.41	\$392 million

Source: NRF's Annual 2019 Father's Day Spending Survey, conducted by Prosper Insights & Analytics.



# News from the Oregon Capitol

## Plastic Bag Ban

[HB 2509](#), the proposed ban on single-use plastic bags at checkout stands, continues progress in the Legislature.

On Wednesday, May 29, the Senate Committee on Rules voted to move the bill to the Senate floor. The bill bans most plastic bags with some exceptions. The bill includes 5-cent charge for paper bags, which is meant to be a base fee. Local governments (including the 17 cities that already have bans) will be permitted to charge more if they have already instituted a higher charge, like 10 cents.



Advocates for paper bag manufacturers argued for a removal of the fee on paper bags. The fee could hurt the industry and workers who make paper bags. The committee discussed an [amendment](#) that would remove the fee, but the majority of the committee members voted against that amendment. A minority report was filed, setting this bill up for a fight on the Senate floor in the next week.

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## Employer Assessment

### Initiative Petitions 27, 28 and 29

Despite defeating employer assessment bills in the Legislature, we may face the issue on the ballot in 2020. The United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) filed initiative petitions [IP 27](#), [IP 28](#) and [IP 29](#) to impose an assessment on employers with 100 or more employees worldwide in retail, food service, hospitality, distribution or call center services if employees qualify for income-based public assistance.

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## Tax Bill

On May 16, Gov. Kate Brown signed [HB 3427](#), which creates a commercial activity tax in Oregon. OBI worked with partners to get language in the bill that will allow businesses to deduct 35 percent of their cost of goods sold or labor, whichever is higher, from their gross receipts before the tax is calculated. A technical fix bill is expected to be passed before the Legislature adjourns, on or before the constitutional adjournment deadline of June 30.



## Washington Changes to Sales Tax Impact Oregon Customers

In the final weeks of the session, Washington legislators passed [ESSB 5997](#). The bill eliminates the sales tax exemption for Oregon shoppers who cross the border and shop in Washington. Oregonians will be allowed to apply for a yearly rebate, but starting in July they will be required to pay sales tax at checkout. This will likely result in Oregonians who live near the Oregon/Washington border doing most of their shopping in Oregon.



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## Retail News

[Oregon wine scores are on the rise, and sales tend to follow](#)

[Editorial: Washington Legislature does Oregon businesses a favor](#)

[FedEx to deliver 7 days a week to satisfy online shoppers](#)

[Good is the New Green – Why business is rethinking what it means to be sustainable](#)

[Nike, Adidas warn against 'catastrophic' trade war](#)

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## LegalPlus Program

Did you know, by being an OBI member you can get free legal advice? OBI and Innova Legal Advisors provides members 15 minutes of legal consultation each month through the LegalPlus program. Check it out by [clicking here](#). Or contact Bob Blackmore at Innova Legal Advisors: Phone: 503-479-7175; email: [Bob.Blackmore@innovalegaladvisors.com](mailto:Bob.Blackmore@innovalegaladvisors.com).



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## Wholesale Fuel Pricing

OBI has partnered with MCP Petroleum to drive down OBI members' fuel cost. OBI is leveraging the collective purchasing power of our membership to get wholesale fuel pricing for our members. In addition to fuel savings, OBI members will have access to a comprehensive fuel management system that will reduce slippage, save valuable employee time and provide accountability and oversight of your company's fuel consumption.

OBI members who use 900 gallons of fuel annually through their company are eligible for this program. Please contact [Jeff DeSantis](#) for more information.



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## Upcoming Events

### Unemployment Insurance Conference

June 27 is your chance to get the scoop on unemployment insurance strategies to improve your bottom line. The National Unemployment Insurance Policy Conference is coming to Portland and offers a unique opportunity for businesses and companies to learn about unemployment tax, benefits and policy to 2020 and beyond.

OBI has a special single-day pass rate for members for June 27. [Click here](#) to learn more.

- What: National Unemployment Insurance Policy Conference
- When: June 26-28
- Where: Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront Hotel
- Event information: [www.uwcstrategy.org/conferences/](http://www.uwcstrategy.org/conferences/)



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