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### **Employment Appeals Board**

875 Union St. N.E. Salem, OR 97311

# EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2019-EAB-0062

Affirmed
Late Request for Hearing Dismissed

PROCEDURAL HISTORY: On June 30, 2017, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision assessing a \$9,056 overpayment, \$2,716.80 monetary penalty, and 52 penalty weeks (decision #193357). On July 20, 2017, decision #193357 became final without claimant having filed a timely request for hearing. On November 15, 2018, claimant filed a late request for hearing. On November 19, 2018, ALJ Kangas issued Order No. 18-UI-119960, dismissing claimant's late request for hearing subject to his right to renew the request by responding to an appellant questionnaire by December 3, 2018. On November 29, 2018, claimant responded to the questionnaire. On December 4, 2018, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) mailed a letter stating that Order No. 18-UI-119960 was canceled. On December 27, 2018, ALJ R. Frank conducted a hearing, and on December 28, 2018 issued Order No. 18-UI-121888, re-dismissing claimant's late request for hearing. On January 16, 2018, claimant filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB).

With his application for review, claimant submitted a written argument asking for another opportunity to state his case because he did not get the opportunity to do so at the hearing. Although it does appear that claimant wanted to ask questions at the end of the hearing, after the ALJ had concluded the hearing and disconnected from the hearing line, the record shows that claimant had a full and fair opportunity to testify. Specifically, the ALJ asked question pertinent to the late request for hearing issue, then stated, "That's all the questions I have, sir. Is there any other testimony you want to offer regarding this timeliness issue that we haven't covered?" Audio recording at 21:51. When claimant did not answer, the ALJ clarified that he was asking claimant if he had additional testimony about "whether your appeal was timely, or if not whether there was good cause to extend the appeal period." *Id.* at 22:25. Claimant replied, "No." *Id.* at 22:32. Claimant had a hearing and is not entitled to another one on this issue.

Claimant also argued that the basis of decision # 193357 is wrong because he was filing for unemployment against a different company, not against Duct Guys, and because he "was on unemployment for a different company" he did not feel he should have to pay back the benefits he received. That argument does not affect the outcome of this case. First, because claimant filed a late request for hearing in this case and did not show good cause to extend the filing deadline he has lost his

legal right to dispute the overpayment. Second, claimant's belief that his Duct Guys employment should not have affected his claim is incorrect. Unemployment insurance claims are specific to workers, not employers. Any employment claimant had in his base year and claim year might affect how his claim is funded and whether benefits are payable to him. Therefore, even if claimant had the legal right to dispute the overpayment in this case, which he does not, it does not matter whether or not claimant intended his Duct Guys employment to affect his unemployment insurance claim. The law does not give claimant the right to choose which employers are affected by his unemployment insurance claim, and the Department is legally required to investigate any issues that arise and is legally required to determine the effect the issue should have on the worker's claim. Therefore the fact that claimant did not intend his work for Duct Guys to affect this unemployment insurance claim cannot change the fact that it did.

Finally, claimant asked in his written argument that if he must pay back the overpayment and penalties to the Department if there is a way to negotiate the amount of the garnishment so that it is smaller than 20% of his paycheck, citing financial difficulties and his obligations as a single parent. EAB does not have jurisdiction over repayment issues. If claimant has any questions about repaying his debt or asking to negotiate a payment plan, he must contact the Department's overpayment recovery unit directly, at 503-947-1710.

EAB reviewed the entire hearing record. On *de novo* review and pursuant to ORS 657.275(2), the Order under review is **adopted**.

**DECISION:** Order No. 18-UI-121888 is affirmed.

J. S. Cromwell and D. P. Hettle;

S. Alba, not participating.

DATE of Service: February 8, 2019

**NOTE:** You may appeal this decision by filing a Petition for Judicial Review with the Oregon Court of Appeals within 30 days of the date of service listed above. *See* ORS 657.282. For forms and information, you may write to the Oregon Court of Appeals, Records Section, 1163 State Street, Salem, Oregon 97310 or visit the Court of Appeals website at courts.oregon.gov. Once on the website, use the 'search' function to search for 'petition for judicial review employment appeals board'. A link to the forms and information will be among the search results.

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#### **Spanish**

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#### Khmer

ចំណុចសំខាន់ – សេចក្តីសម្រេចនេះមានផលប៉ះពាល់ដល់អត្ថប្រយោជន៍គ្មានការងារធ្វើរបស់លោកអ្នក។ ប្រសិនបើលោកអ្នកមិន យល់អំពីសេចក្តីសម្រេចនេះ សូមទាក់ទងគណៈកម្មការឧទ្ធរណ៍ការងារភ្លាមៗ។ ប្រសិនបើលោកអ្នកមិនយល់ស្របចំពោះសេចក្តី សម្រេចនេះទេ លោកអ្នកអាចដាក់ពាក្យប្តឹងសុំឲ្យមានការពិនិត្យរឿងក្តីឡើងវិញជាមួយតុលារឧទ្ធរណ៍រដ្ឋ Oregon ដោយអនុវត្តតាម សេចក្តីណែនាំដែលសរសេរនៅខាងចុងបញ្ចប់នៃសេចក្តីសម្រេចនេះ។

#### Laotian

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