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# EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2019-EAB-1020

Order No. 19-UI-137903 Affirmed ~ Request to Reopen Denied Order No. 19-UI-137607 Affirmed ~ No Disqualification

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On August 29, 2019, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that the employer discharged claimant for misconduct (decision # 74520). Claimant filed a timely request for hearing. On September 18, 2019, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) served notice of a hearing scheduled for October 2, 2019. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, ALJ Shoemake conducted a hearing at which the employer failed to appear, and on October 4, 2019 issued Order No. 19-UI-137607 concluding that claimant's discharge was not for misconduct. The employer filed a timely request to reopen the October 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing. ALJ Kangas reviewed the employer's request, and on October 10, 2019 issued Order No. 19-UI-137903, denying the request. On October 16, 2019, the employer filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB).

Pursuant to OAR 471-041-0095 (May 13, 2019), EAB consolidated its review of Orders No. 19-UI-137903 and 19-UI-137607. For case-tracking purposes, this decision is being issued in duplicate (EAB Decisions 2019-EAB-0986 and 2019-EAB-1020).

In written argument, the employer's owner submitted new information regarding the employer's failure to appear at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing, in addition to the information the employer's manager submitted with the employer's request to reopen the hearing. However, EAB may consider the owner's new information only if the employer establishes that factors or circumstances beyond its reasonable control prevented it from submitting the information with its request to reopen. *See* ORS 657.275(2) and OAR 471-041-0090 (May 13, 2019).

The employer's owner asserted that she did not submit the information with the employer's request to reopen because she was out of the country at the time. However, the employer failed to establish that it was beyond its manager's reasonable control to submit the information with the employer's request to reopen, either based on the manager's personal knowledge, or after contacting and consulting with the owner. EAB therefore did not consider the owner's new information when reaching this decision. And even if EAB had considered the owner's new information, the employer's request to reopen the hearing

still would have been denied, as the record would still show that the manager would have appeared at the hearing on the employer's behalf if she had not misread the notice of hearing. *See* Exhibit 5.

The employer also submitted new information regarding claimant's discharge. However, the employer failed to establish good cause for failing to appear at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> hearing, and therefore failed to establish that factors or circumstances beyond its reasonable control prevented it from appearing at the hearing and offering information regarding claimant's discharge into the record at that time. EAB therefore did not consider the employer's information regarding claimant's discharge when reaching this decision. *See* ORS 657.275(2) and OAR 471-041-0090.

EAB reviewed both hearing records. On *de novo* review and pursuant to ORS 657.275(2), the orders under review are **adopted**.

DECISION: Orders No. 19-UI-137903 and 19-UI-137607 are affirmed.

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

S. Alba, not participating.

# DATE of Service: <u>November 19, 2019</u>

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#### Vietnamese

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# Khmer

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

# Laotian

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# Farsi

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