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### **Employment Appeals Board**

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

# EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2020-EAB-0746-R

Request for Reconsideration Granted EAB Decision 2020-EAB-0746 Adhered to on Reconsideration Disqualification

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On July 21, 2020, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding claimant quit work without good cause and was disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits effective June 28, 2020 (decision # 70401). Claimant filed a timely request for hearing. On November 4, 2020, ALJ L. Lee conducted a hearing at which the employer failed to appear, and on November 6, 2020, issued Order No. 20-UI-156136, affirming the Department's decision.

On November 28, 2020, claimant filed an application for review with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). On December 28, 2020, EAB issued EAB Decision 2020-EAB-0746, affirming and adopting Order No. 20-UI-156136. On January 12, 2021, claimant filed a timely request for reconsideration of EAB Decision 2020-EAB-0746. On January 14, 2021, EAB granted claimant's reconsideration request. This decision is issued pursuant to EAB's authority under ORS 657.290(3).

**CONCLUSIONS AND REASONS:** Claimant's request for reconsideration is allowed. EAB Decision 2020-EAB-0746 is adhered to on reconsideration.

ORS 657.290(3) authorizes the Employment Appeals Board to reconsider any previous decision of the Employment Appeals Board, including "the making of a new decision to the extent necessary and appropriate for the correction of previous error of fact or law." "Any party may request reconsideration to correct an error of material fact or law, or to explain any unexplained inconsistency with Employment Department rule, or officially stated Employment Department position, or prior Employment Department practice." OAR 471-041-0145(1) (May 13, 2019). The request is subject to dismissal unless it includes a statement that a copy was provided to the other parties, and is filed on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day after the decision sought to be reconsidered was mailed. OAR 471-041-0145(2).

In her request for reconsideration, claimant asked EAB to consider new information, a letter from her treating physician dated November 20, 2020, regarding the advice her physician would have given her in

June 2020, had claimant asked, regarding whether it would have been advisable for claimant to work for the employer during the pandemic. Request for Reconsideration (November 20, 2020 letter from Legacy Health). However, information not received into evidence at the hearing will not be considered on review unless the party offering the information establishes that factors or circumstances beyond the party's reasonable control prevented the party from offering the information into evidence at the hearing. See ORS 657.275(2) and OAR 471-041-0090. Claimant failed to establish that it was beyond her reasonable control to have asked her physician for their opinion on whether it would have been advisable for claimant to work for the employer during the pandemic, before making her decision to quit. Claimant's request for EAB to consider her new information therefore is denied. Even if EAB had considered this new information, it would not have changed the outcome of this decision. The letter only stated that claimant's physician would have recommended "not to work" unless there were adequate safety precautions in place. Request for Reconsideration (November 20, 2020 letter from Legacy Health). It did not state that claimant's physician would have recommended that claimant quit her job entirely. Claimant also asked EAB to consider other information in an attempt to clarify her testimony at hearing. Here again, claimant failed to establish that factors or circumstances beyond claimant's reasonable control prevented claimant from offering that information into evidence at the hearing on November 4, 2020. EAB considered only information received into evidence at the hearing in reaching this decision.

In her request for reconsideration, claimant did not assert or show that, based on the hearing record, Order No. 20-UI-156136 contained any material errors of fact or law, or any inconsistencies with Department rules, officially stated Department positions, or prior Department practice. Nor did claimant assert or show that, based on the hearing record, EAB Decision 2020-EAB-0746, which affirmed and adopted Order No. 20-UI-156136, contained any material errors of fact or law, or any inconsistencies with Department rules, officially stated Department positions, or prior Department practice. EAB Decision 2020-EAB-0746 therefore is adhered to on reconsideration.

**DECISION:** Claimant's request for reconsideration is allowed. EAB Decision 2020-EAB-0746 is adhered to on reconsideration.

S. Alba and D. P. Hettle.

#### DATE of Service: February 17, 2021

**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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#### **English**

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#### Simplified Chinese

注意 - 本判决会影响您的失业救济金。 如果您不明白本判决, 请立即联系就业上诉委员会。 如果您不同意此判决,您可以按照该判决结尾所写的说明,向俄勒冈州上诉法院提出司法复审申请。

#### **Traditional Chinese**

注意 - 本判決會影響您的失業救濟金。 如果您不明白本判決, 請立即聯繫就業上訴委員會。 如果您不同意此判決,您可以按照該判決結尾所寫的說明, 向俄勒岡州上訴法院提出司法複審申請。

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#### Vietnamese

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#### **Spanish**

Atención – Esta decisión afecta sus beneficios de desempleo. Si no entiende esta decisión, comuníquese inmediatamente con la Junta de Apelaciones de Empleo. Si no está de acuerdo con esta decisión, puede presentar una Aplicación de Revisión Judicial ante el Tribunal de Apelaciones de Oregon siguiendo las instrucciones escritas al final de la decisión.

#### Russian

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#### Khmer

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

#### Laotian

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#### Arabic

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#### Farsi

توجه - این حکم بر مزایای بیکاری شما تاثیر می گذارد. اگر با این تصمیم موافق نیستید، بلافاصله با هیأت فرجام خواهی استخدام تماس بگیرید. اگر از این حکم رضایت ندارید، میتوانید با استفاده از دستور العمل موجود در پایان آن، از دادگاه تجدید نظر اورگان در خواست تجدید نظر کنید.

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