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### **Employment Appeals Board**

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

# EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2023-EAB-1356

Affirmed
Ineligible for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance
Overpayment, No Penalties

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On May 13, 2021, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served a Notice of Determination for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) concluding that claimant was not eligible for PUA benefits effective March 22, 2020. Also on May 13, 2021, the Department served notice of an administrative decision based in part on the May 13, 2021 PUA determination, concluding that claimant willfully made a misrepresentation and failed to report a material fact to obtain benefits, and assessing an overpayment of \$19,175 in combined PUA, Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), and Lost Wages Assistance (LWA) benefits that claimant was required to repay, and a \$1,076.25 monetary penalty.

Claimant filed timely requests for hearing on both administrative decisions. On October 31, 2023, ALJ Monroe conducted a hearing on both administrative decisions. On November 30, 2023, ALJ Monroe issued Order No. 23-UI-242354, affirming the May 13, 2021, PUA determination by concluding that claimant was not eligible for PUA benefits for the weeks from March 22, 2020 through September 4, 2021 (weeks 13-20 through 35-21). On December 1, 2023, ALJ Monroe issued Order No. 23-UI-242361, modifying the May 13, 2021, overpayment decision by concluding that claimant had been overpaid \$7,175 in PUA benefits, \$10,200 in FPUC benefits, and \$1,800 in LWA benefits that he was required to repay, but that claimant did not make a willful misrepresentation of fact and therefore was not liable for a monetary penalty.

On December 19, 2023, claimant filed applications for review of Orders No. 23-UI-242354 and 23-UI-242361 with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB). Pursuant to OAR 471-041-0095 (October 29, 2006), EAB consolidated its review of Orders No. 23-UI-242354 and 23-UI-242361. For case-tracking purposes, this decision is being issued in duplicate (EAB Decisions 2023-EAB-1356 and 2023-EAB-1357).

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

**DECISION:** Orders No. 23-UI-242354 and 23-UI-242361 are affirmed.

D. Hettle and A. Steger-Bentz; S. Serres, not participating.

DATE of Service: January 23, 2024

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#### **English**

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#### **Simplified Chinese**

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#### **Vietnamese**

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#### **Spanish**

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#### Khmer

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#### Laotian

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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 درخواست تجدید نظر کنید.

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