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# EMPLOYMENT APPEALS BOARD DECISION 2024-EAB-0172

#### Order No. 24-UI-246488 Affirmed – Late Request for Hearing Dismissed Order No. 24-UI-246499 Affirmed – Overpayment, No Penalties

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY:** On August 12, 2021, the Oregon Employment Department (the Department) served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant voluntarily quit work without good cause and was therefore disqualified from receiving unemployment insurance benefits effective April 18, 2021 (decision # 132305). On September 1, 2021, decision # 132305 became final without claimant having filed a request for hearing. On April 14, 2022, the Department served notice of an administrative decision concluding that claimant was paid benefits to which she was not entitled and assessing an overpayment of \$5,384 in regular benefits (regular UI) and \$2,400 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation benefits (FPUC) that claimant was liable to repay the Department (decision # 105638). On April 19, 2022, claimant filed a late request for hearing on decision # 132305 and a timely request for hearing on decision # 105638.

On November 7, 2023, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) served notice of a hearing scheduled for November 21, 2023, to determine whether claimant's late request for hearing on decision # 132305 should be allowed and, if so, the merits of that decision. On November 21, 2023, claimant failed to appear for the hearing. On November 28, 2023, ALJ Lucas issued Order No. 23-UI-242032, dismissing the hearing request due to claimant's failure to appear, and leaving decision # 132305 undisturbed. On December 7, 2023, claimant filed a timely request to reopen the November 21, 2023, hearing.

On January 4, 2024, ALJ Lucas conducted a hearing on claimant's request to reopen the November 21, 2023, hearing at which the employer did not appear and the Department submitted an Attestation in lieu of attending the hearing. Also on January 4, 2024, ALJ Lucas conducted a separate hearing on the merits of decision # 105638. On January 24, 2024, ALJ Lucas conducted a hearing to address claimant's late request for hearing on decision # 132305, and, if allowed, the merits of that decision. On January 25, 2024, ALJ Lucas issued Order No. 24-UI-246488, allowing claimant's request to reopen the November 21, 2023, hearing and canceling Order No. 23-UI-242032, but concluding that claimant's request for hearing on decision # 132305 was late without good cause and dismissing the hearing request on decision # 132305, leaving that decision undisturbed. Also on January 25, 2024, ALJ Lucas issued

Order No. 24-UI-246499, affirming decision # 105638 on the merits. On February 12, 2024, claimant filed applications for review of Orders No. 24-UI-246488 and 24-UI-246499 with the Employment Appeals Board (EAB).

Pursuant to OAR 471-041-0095 (October 29, 2006), EAB consolidated its review of Orders No. 24-UI-246488 and 24-UI-246499. For case-tracking purposes, this decision is being issued in duplicate (EAB Decisions 2024-EAB-0172 and 2024-EAB-0173).

**WRITTEN ARGUMENT:** For purposes of review of Order No. 24-UI-246488, EAB did not consider claimant's written argument when reaching this decision because she did not include a statement declaring that she provided a copy of her argument to the opposing party or parties as required by OAR 471-041-0080(2)(a) (May 13, 2019). Claimant's argument also contained information that was not part of the hearing record, and did not show that factors or circumstances beyond claimant's reasonable control prevented her from offering the information during the hearing. Under ORS 657.275(2) and OAR 471-041-0090 (May 13, 2019), EAB considered only information received into evidence at the hearing when reaching this decision. For purposes of review of Order No. 24-UI-246499, EAB considered claimant's argument to the extent it was based on the record.

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. 24-UI-246488 and 24-UI-246499 are affirmed.

D. Hettle and A. Steger-Bentz;

S. Serres, not participating.

# DATE of Service: March 15, 2024

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#### Vietnamese

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# Khmer

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## Laotian

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### Farsi

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