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Oregon Labor Commissioner Warns Employers of Employment Poster Scam

In recent days Oregon's Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) has received several calls from concerned business owners regarding 'on site inspections' from person claiming to work for the agency. Outgoing Labor Commissioner Dan Gardner renews his warning that BOLI has no such persons in the field.

These individuals typically show some form of 'official' identification and ask to see the businesses required posters. They either then try to sell the business the posters 'needed' or, in some cases, try to hold up the business. "While we would love to have folks out in the field to do this sort of inspection work, we simply have neither the manpower nor the budget," said Gardner. He reminds business owners and employees to use their best judgment, to verify any 'state identification' by calling the agency directly or to contact their local police if they feel threatened or doubt the veracity of an individual's claims.

Gardner reminds business owners that they can get any of the required posters for free either at the agency, on line, or by calling (971) 673 0824. To find out what posters are now required, the same number can be reached or business owners can get online to www.oregon.gov/BOLI and follow the links to "Posters".

Every few months the agency will receive complaints about this sort of activity and hopes that business owners are careful to verify any identification provided or claims being made.

For information on legally required posters in the state of Oregon contact the Bureau of Labor and Industries at 971 673 0824.

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