

## **Employer Announcement #81**

### **Employer Obligations Under HB 3487**

House Bill 3487 became law with the governor's signature on July 1, 2013, and applies only to non-vested OPSRP member deaths after that date. A non-vested OPSRP member who was killed in the course and scope of the member's employment with his/her PERS employer is vested in the OPSRP Pension Program as of the date of death. The "vested" status allows the surviving spouse to become eligible for an OPSRP death benefit.

The statute requires the member's employer to certify the member was killed in the course and scope of the member's employment with the PERS employer. Such certification should be in letter format on the employer's letterhead stationery and include:

- 1) The member's name, PERS ID or Social Security "last four."
- 2) The member's date of death.
- 3) A statement certifying, according to HB 3487(2013), the member was an active member of the system and was killed in the course and scope of the member's employment.

The letter should be signed by a staff member authorized to make such declarations. The letter should be addressed to:

PERS  
Attn: Death Benefits Unit  
PO Box 23700  
Tigard, Or. 97281-3700

Please direct questions on this subject to the PERS Death Benefits Unit.