Dear PERS employer,

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1)   Proposed Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) modifications.
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A number of Oregon Administrative Rules are currently in the process of revision.   Those rules address topics of potential interest to employers, such as: Reemployment of Retirees (new rules for OPSRP and IAP), Vesting in IAP Employer Account & Vesting in OPSRP Pension, and Actuarial Equivalency Factors.

To find these and other proposed rule revisions, start at the Employer website,
www.oregon.gov/pers/emp/index.shtml
Click on the "About Us" link, found on the left hand side of the website homepage.   Then, under the "Administrative Rules" heading, click on the "proposed rules" link.

2)   EDX Release 5.0 fixes.

EDX Release 5.0 was installed and operational on Monday, 15 June 09.   Two problems occurred shortly after the installation.

The first problem affected posting of retiree DTL1/DTL2 records, either in suspended status with an error message: "Cannot report wage or employment information because this member is retired or their account is closed.   Please contact PERS for more information.", or in "valid" status, prior to and during the installation of EDX Release 5.0.   This problem was resolved, and affected retiree DTL1/DTL2 records began posting Wednesday, 24 June 09.

The second problem was a system performance problem related to use of the "View Employee Info" and "Status Check" links.   The links were removed shortly after EDX Release 5.0 installation, and restored Wednesday, 1 July 09, with ongoing availability of the "View Employee Info" link related to EDX system performance.   The situation was fully described in an employer-wide e-mail, sent the afternoon of 30 June 09:

"The "View Employee Info" and "Status Check" links will be returned to employer's EDX home page site navigation areas by the start of business tomorrow, Wednesday, 1 July 09.

Modifications have been made to the "Status Check" screen search function to preserve EDX performance.   The Status Check search function will now require entry of full last name or full SSN, and the "Search" button will be disabled after one click, until the member search   is complete.

Similar modifications are slated for the "View Employee Info" link, but have not been completed. However, because of   employer demand for this link, we are returning the "View Employee Info" link to service without modification.   Therefore, we would ask employers to refrain from "global" name searches (ex: s*   for last name), and repeated clicks of the "Search" button.

The "View Employee Info" link will remain in service as long as EDX performance remains unaffected.

The link will be removed if found to cause EDX performance problems."

Best regards,

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