

Dear CoChairs of the Interim Joint Committee on Coronavirus Response:

Very recently, before the Coronavirus pandemic was broadly brought to light in March 2020, our family ran into an issue with the current Employment Department OARs as written, in particular OAR 471 030 0045 items 3d and 4, which we had brought to the attention of Rep. Bill Post, our representative. It allows only 7 days / 1 week for someone to file online when they are eligible for benefits -- yet currently with the workload issues, delays such as getting the message "All Circuits Are Busy" when contacting state agencies, etc. this needs to be revisited, reviewed, evaluated and perhaps adjusted for reasonableness and feasibility as our circumstances demonstrated the challenges thereof.

Link:

<https://secure.sos.state.or.us/oard/viewSingleRule.action?ruleVrsnRsn=240693>

We bring this to your attention in order to be sure this issue does not affect families / individuals as it did ours when filing the online claim to seek the unemployment benefits to which our family was entitled at the time.

Sincerely,
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