

My name is Laura Dilts. I was laid off on March 23rd because Governor Brown forced my employer, Goodwill, to close its doors. I filed for unemployment and did not hear anything for over 2 week. No direction on how to continue my claim or anything at all. I tried repeatedly to call the Unemployment Office and could never get anything but a busy signal, no matter what day or time I called. When I was unable to make contact I started making weekly claims. I finally received a Wage and Potential Benefit Report dated 5/1/20 showing that my weekly benefit would be \$297. Great. Then I get an envelope from Unemployment Department but instead of the check was expecting, I received a form letter stating "No payment was made because of a pending decision regarding your pension or retirement pay". So I don't know who makes this decision or when this decision will be made but each week I receive the same form letter instead of money.

I worked for Polk County for 30 years and retired because I did not feel I could continued to perform the duties of Corrections Deputy safely. I receive a PERS benefit. I do not understand how this should have any bearing on my unemployment. I worked for Goodwill for more than 2 1/2 years. Unemployment insurance was paid for me as a benefit by my employer. The Governor of Oregon would not let me work. I lost my income and my health insurance. I work because I need the money to support my family. I was able to go back to work on May 16th, thank god. I believe I should be compensated for my loss from March 24 through May 15th. Thank you for your attention.