

County funds spent on Florida trip, wedding & Botox

A former Clackamas County tourism officer was found guilty of gross misuse of tax dollars and using the County credit card for exorbitant personal use.

Starla Schur used County funds to fly her and friends all over America including Florida, North Dakota & California. She used funds to help pay for her daughter's wedding. The official even used the money to help purchase 20 units of Botox to make herself look younger. Starla, a 15 year government employee, admitted her guilt and was sent to jail.

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\$7 million bridge fix lasted only two years

It will cost taxpayers \$7.3 million to replace the Portland Morrison Bridge Deck after two years it was done. The deck was so defective it could not be repaired and had to be replaced. "Oregon is nation's biggest user of street fees" OSBA 9-14

Judges finds Obama's Labor Dept. guilty of coercing Oregon farmers

A judge has ruled that the Dept. of Labor forcefully coerced two Oregon farmers to pay a fine before they were found guilty.

It began when the DOL accused two Oregon blueberry farmers of not paying their workers properly. They

told the farmers that if they refused to pay \$220,000 and waive their right to challenge the findings, the DOL would declare their crops were "hot goods," making it illegal to ship them. Grocery stores selling their blueberries would have to pull them from their shelves. Rather than lose their crops, the farmers agreed.

A federal judge ordered the DOA to give the full \$220,000 back because the DOA used "economic coercion" and never proved that the farmers were guilty as charged. However, the DOA already hastily doled out the \$73,500 to the workers and refused to give this money back to the farmers.

The farmers are currently fighting the DOL in court to get their money back.

\$900,000 to settle claims with two employees

Last May, Oregon paid \$900K to settle claims with two former high-level employees, \$600K to the employees and \$300K to their respective attorneys. Oregon agreed to pay \$450K to Rob Killgore, the former head of Oregon Corrections Enterprises, after he filed a wrongful termination suit seeking \$1.5 million.

Rather than go to trial, the state settled with Killgore but denied any wrongdoing. Ten days later, the state agreed to pay \$450K to George

Dunford, a chief administrative officer of the Employment Department, after he filed a tort claim (i.e., an intent to sue) alleging he had been wrongfully fired and claiming whistle-blower protection.

As a result of Dunsford's complaints, there was a major shake-up of the top managers of the Employment Department.

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Cover Oregon Legal fight already exceeds \$1.1 million

Oregon has already paid out more than \$1.1 million in legal fees in its fight against Oracle, the company that built the failed Cover Oregon health exchange, and the battle has only just begun.

The state is suing even though it had full control and ignored numerous audit warnings. One former Cover Oregon official was awarded \$70,000 to help sue the company.

The case will likely cost Oregon taxpayers millions more and could last for years. Even if Oregon should win, state officials aren't sure any money received would actually go to the state. *Oregonian 10-07-14*



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