



# 47,574

Number of employees with an open employment segment  
& no salary or hours reported since January 2017

## **Potential Impacts for Employers:**

- Incorrect status checks for new hires
- Incorrect determination of partial year
- Contributions refunded &/or invoiced in error
- Prior Year Earnings due
- Additional research to find & correct accounts

## **Impacts for Members:**

- May not receive member statement
- Incorrect service credit impacts estimates, etc.
- Incorrect member statement
- Member cannot use Online Member Services (OMS) to:
  - update their address
  - submit an electronic withdrawal application
- Increases processing time for benefits

Please help us find a solution that works for you, our members and PERS. Send any thoughts or ideas to [Elaine.King@PERS.state.or.us](mailto:Elaine.King@PERS.state.or.us) and [Alison.Burman@PERS.state.or.us](mailto:Alison.Burman@PERS.state.or.us).

## **APPROVED BILLS THAT IMPACT PERS**

The 2017 Regular legislative session adjourned on Friday, July 7. Although PERS reform was a topic of discussion until the very end, only seven bills were approved that have a relatively small impact on the plan or limited groups of members. We expect that the PERS reform discussion is not over, but is on hiatus until the 2018 and 2019 legislative sessions.

<b>Bill</b>	<b>Relating Clause</b>	<b>General Summary</b>
SB 41	Relating to workforce information	Provides statutory authority for Employment Department to share data on OPSRP members with us – codifies current practice.
SB 200	Relating to retirement credit for periods of service in uniformed services	Expands the definition of “uniformed service” to include former employees of US Public Health Service and NOAA as members who may purchase retirement credit.
SB 201	Relating to salary of employees of universities with a governing board under OPSRP	Clarifies that, for a specific period of time, salary paid to some OPSRP members who worked for universities but lived out-of-state will be included as salary for PERS benefit calculation.
SB 214	Relating to the eligibility of post-doctoral scholars for retirement benefits	Eliminates participation of post-doctoral scholars at universities and OHSU from PERS.
SB 701	Relating to connection to federal tax law	Updates dates and references in Oregon law to federal tax law.
SB 712	Relating to credit for periods of disability under OPSRP	Provides service credit to OPSRP members who receive workers’ compensation disability payments and are reemployed by a PERS-covered employer.
SB 1067	Relating to government cost containment	Provides flexibility around employer side accounts; limits the Contingency Reserve to \$50M and eliminates Board discretion around use; and requires UAL be reported acknowledging side accounts.