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Advisory Committee to Hold First Meeting
*New committee will advise Labor Commissioner
regarding workplace expression of breast milk*

PORTLAND—On July 18, 2008, the Expression of Milk Advisory Committee (EMAC) will hold its first meeting. In addition to adopting guidelines and electing officers, the Committee will make recommendations to the Commissioner for two additional members to be appointed.

WHO: The Expression of Milk Advisory Committee (EMAC)
WHAT: Organizational meeting; discussion of additional appointees
WHEN: 10am—Noon on Friday, July 18, 2008
**WHERE: Room 1D, Portland State Office Building
800 NE Oregon St. Portland, OR 97232**

The statutory role of EMAC is to determine when an industry or profession, in its ordinary course of business, has difficulty complying with ORS 653.077 and to submit to the Commissioner recommendations to achieve compliance in that industry or profession. Created by the same legislation that requires employers to allow unpaid breaks to breastfeeding mothers, EMAC is made up of representatives of business, labor, the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and advocates for mothers, including:

Ryan Deckert, Oregon Business Association
Tricia Yates, Oregon School Boards Association
Katelyn Oldham, Civil Rights Section of the Oregon State Bar
Diana Garrett, Nursing Mothers Council of Oregon
Susan Woodbury, DHS' Women with Infant Children Program
Connie Ashbrook, Oregon Tradeswomen Inc.
Maye Thompson, Oregon Nurses Association
BethAnne Darby, Oregon Education Association

For additional information, visit: http://egov.oregon.gov/BOLI/WHD/Expression_BM.shtml

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