Silicon Valley Software Startup, Ex-CEO Fined Nearly $1M

Silicon Valley software startup Zenefits and its co-founder Parker Conrad have been fined nearly $1 million by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as part of a settlement over charges that they had misled investors, **reports Reuters**.

Zenefits will pay a $430,000 penalty and Conrad, who resigned as chief executive from the company in early 2016, has been fined more than $533,000, according to Reuters reporter **Heather Somerville**.

“The SEC found that Zenefits made ‘false and misleading statements and omissions’ to company investors by failing to disclose that it was not compliant with state insurance regulations,” Somerville reports. “Zenefits employees had sold health insurance without proper licensing, the company said, a violation that led to fines from several states.”

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