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By Senators Holmquist, King, Stevens, Swecker, Delvin, Hewitt, and Schoesler

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1 AN ACT Relating to the minimum hourly wage; and amending RCW
2 49.46.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.46.020 and 1999 c 1 s 1 are each amended to read as
5 follows:

6 (1) Until January 1, 1999, every employer shall pay to each of his
7 or her employees who has reached the age of eighteen years wages at a
8 rate of not less than four dollars and ninety cents per hour.

9 (2) Beginning January 1, 1999, and until January 1, 2000, every
10 employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the
11 age of eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than five dollars and
12 seventy cents per hour.

13 (3) Beginning January 1, 2000, and until January 1, 2001, every
14 employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the
15 age of eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than six dollars and
16 fifty cents per hour.

17 (4)(a) Beginning on January 1, 2001, and each following January 1st
18 as set forth under (b) of this subsection, every employer shall pay to

1 each of his or her employees who has reached the age of eighteen years
2 wages at a rate of not less than the amount established under (b) of
3 this subsection.

4 (b) On September 30, 2000, and on each following September 30th,
5 the department of labor and industries shall calculate an adjusted
6 minimum wage rate to maintain employee purchasing power by increasing
7 or decreasing the current year's minimum wage rate by the increase or
8 decrease in the rate of inflation. The adjusted minimum wage rate
9 shall be calculated to the nearest cent using the consumer price index
10 for urban wage earners and clerical workers, CPI-W, or a successor
11 index, for the twelve months prior to each September 1st as calculated
12 by the United States department of labor. Each adjusted minimum wage
13 rate calculated under this subsection (4)(b) takes effect on the
14 following January 1st.

15 (5) The director shall by regulation establish the minimum wage for
16 employees under the age of eighteen years.

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