
SENATE BILL 6220

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By Senators Honeyford and Deccio

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 (4)(a) Beginning on January 1, 2001, and each following January 1st
17 as set forth under (b) of this subsection, every employer shall pay to
18 each of his or her employees who has reached the age of eighteen years
19 wages at a rate of not less than the amount established under (b) of

1 this subsection. However, this subsection does not apply to persons
2 employed in agricultural labor as defined in RCW 50.04.150.

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

13 (5) Every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who
14 has reached the age of eighteen years and who performs agricultural
15 labor as defined in RCW 50.04.150 wages at a rate of not less than six
16 dollars and seventy-two cents per hour.

17 (6) The director shall by regulation establish the minimum wage for
18 employees under the age of eighteen years.

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