
SENATE BILL 5968

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By Senators Stevens, Swecker, and Schoesler

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1 AN ACT Relating to establishing a fixed minimum hourly wage; and
2 amending RCW 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~~) Beginning July 1, 2012, every
7 employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the
8 age of eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than (~~four dollars~~
9 ~~and ninety cents~~) eight dollars and sixty-seven cents per hour.

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

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

18 ~~(4)(a) Beginning on January 1, 2001, and each following January 1st~~
19 ~~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 the current year's minimum wage rate by the rate of inflation. The
8 adjusted minimum wage rate shall be calculated to the nearest cent
9 using the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical
10 workers, CPI-W, or a successor index, for the twelve months prior to
11 each September 1st as calculated by the United States department of
12 labor. Each adjusted minimum wage rate calculated under this
13 subsection (4)(b) takes effect on the following January 1st.

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

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