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By Representative Orcutt

**SCOPE AND OBJECT 03/03/2015**

 On page 2, line 22, after "inflation" insert ", subject to subsection (c) of this section"

 On page 2, after line 28, insert the following:

 "(c) The minimum wage rate may not be adjusted if the statewide seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the previous twelve months is higher than the national seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate. In determining the unemployment rate, the department must use data from the twelve months prior to each September 1st as calculated by the United States department of labor.

The department may resume adjusting the minimum wage rate under this section only when the statewide seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate is lower than the national seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate."

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|  |  EFFECT:   Provides that once the minimum hourly wage rate reaches $12, the wage rate may not be adjusted for inflation if the statewide seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the previous 12 months is higher than the national seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate, and the Department of Labor and Industries may resume adjusting the wage rate only when the state's unemployment rate is lower than the national rate.  |

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