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SENATE BILL 5406

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By Senators Pelz, Talmadge, Skratek, Murray, A. Smith, Rinehart, Vognild, Williams, Moore, L. Kreidler and Wojahn.

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1 AN ACT Relating to periodic adjustments of the state minimum wage;  
2 and 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 1989 c 1 s 2 are each amended to read as  
5 follows:

6 (1) Every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who  
7 has reached the age of eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than  
8 ~~((three dollars and eighty-five cents per hour except as may be~~  
9 ~~otherwise provided under this section. Beginning January 1, 1990, the~~  
10 ~~state minimum wage shall be))~~ four dollars and twenty-five cents per  
11 hour, except that the wage rate shall be:

12 (a) Beginning on July 1, 1991, four dollars and seventy-five cents  
13 per hour;

14 (b) Beginning on January 1, 1992, five dollars and twenty-five  
15 cents per hour; and

1        (c) Beginning on January 1, 1993, and readjusted beginning on each  
2 January 1 thereafter, fifty percent of the state average annual wage,  
3 as calculated under RCW 50.04.355, divided by two thousand eighty. In  
4 determining the rate under this subsection, any fractional part of a  
5 cent shall be adjusted to the nearest whole cent.

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