

HB 1355 - H AMD 81

By Representative Orcutt

SCOPE AND OBJECT 03/03/2015

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

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4 On page 2, after line 28, insert the following:
5 "(c) The minimum wage rate may not be adjusted if the statewide
6 seasonally adjusted average unemployment rate for the previous twelve
7 months is higher than the national seasonally adjusted average
8 unemployment rate. In determining the unemployment rate, the
9 department must use data from the twelve months prior to each
10 September 1st as calculated by the United States department of labor.
11 The department may resume adjusting the minimum wage rate under this
12 section only when the statewide seasonally adjusted average
13 unemployment rate is lower than the national seasonally adjusted
14 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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