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## **Rep. Bentz Encourages Oregonians to Contact Governor Regarding Damaging Minimum Wage Proposal**

SALEM—Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) asks that workers, businesses, senior citizens, and not-for-profit organizations contact Governor Brown and members of the Oregon House & Senate to convey their concerns about the Governor’s proposed massive increases in Oregon’s current minimum wage.

“Studies indicate that minimum wages set by governments without regard to the median wage result in substantial job loss and other damages, such as higher daycare costs, no summer jobs for teenagers, higher prices for senior citizens, and budget-busting wage increases for non-profit and charitable organizations. This proposal (\$15.52 per hour for Portland; \$13.50 per hour for the rest of the state), far from helping low-income people, will damage all of Oregon,” said Rep. Bentz.

Here is a link to an op-ed in today’s Oregonian newspaper which addresses some of the problems created by these proposed massive increases:

[http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2016/01/kate\\_browns\\_minimum-wage\\_propo.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2016/01/kate_browns_minimum-wage_propo.html)

Bills concerning minimum wage must ultimately be signed by the Governor and must pass through certain legislative committees. The legislators listed below are those most likely to hear the minimum wage bills:

### **1. Governor**

- a. Email her assistant Stacy Hall, at: [stacey.r.hall@oregon.gov](mailto:stacey.r.hall@oregon.gov) 503-378-3111

### **2. Legislative Committee Members most likely to be involved:**

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**3. Legislators in the Majority Party (websites):**

- a. <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/senate/Pages/SenatorsDemocrats.aspx>
- b. <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/house/Pages/RepresentativesDemocrats.aspx>

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