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Public Hearings Scheduled on Minimum Wage Increase Bills

SALEM—The House Business and Labor Committee & the Senate Workforce Committee will hold two hearings on Monday, April 13th to consider bills that would raise the minimum wage in Oregon. The first hearing starts at 8:00 a.m. and the second starts at 6:00 p.m. (PDT) in the Oregon State Capitol Building, Hearing Room F.

Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario) said, “Oregon’s current minimum wage is high enough. Already businesses move out of Oregon to Idaho and elsewhere to avoid the current \$9.25 per hour (second highest in the nation) minimum wage. Raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour will force businesses of all sizes to close their doors. I have been told over and over again by my constituents to do all that I can to protect small business from any increases beyond those which will be required under current law.”

Here are the bills upon which hearings are being held:

- [House Bill 2004](#) – Repeals state preemption of charter and statutory authority of local governments to set minimum wage requirements.
- [House Bill 2008](#) – Increases Oregon minimum wage rate in graduated steps through 2017.
 - 2016: \$10.90
 - 2017: \$12.20
 - After 2017: a rate adjusted for inflation
 - After 2016, the Oregon minimum wage shall be above the hourly equivalent of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of four established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the most recent calendar year.
- [House Bill 2009](#) – Increases Oregon minimum wage rate in graduated steps to \$15 per hour by 2018.
 - 2016: \$11.50
 - 2017: \$13.25
 - 2018: \$15.00
- [House Bill 2012](#) – Increases Oregon minimum wage rate in graduated steps to \$13.50 per hour by 2017.
 - 2016: \$11.40
 - 2017: \$13.50

- [Senate Bill 327](#) - Increases Oregon minimum wage rate in graduated steps through 2017.
 - 2016: \$10.90
 - 2017: \$12.20
 - After 2017: a rate adjusted for inflation
 - After 2016, the Oregon minimum wage shall be above the hourly equivalent of the federal poverty guidelines for a family of four established by the United States Department of Health and Human Services for the most recent calendar year.
- [Senate Bill 597](#) - Increases Oregon minimum wage rate in graduated steps to \$13.50 per hour by 2017.
 - 2016: \$11.40
 - 2017: \$13.50
- [Senate Bill 610](#) - Increases Oregon minimum wage rate in graduated steps to \$15 per hour by 2018.
 - 2016: \$11.50
 - 2017: \$13.25
 - 2018: \$15.00
- [Senate Bill 682](#) – Increases Oregon minimum wage rate to \$10.75 on January 1, 2016.
- [Senate Bill 130](#) - Repeals state preemption of charter and statutory authority of local governments to set minimum wage requirements.
- [Senate Bill 332](#) - Repeals state preemption of charter and statutory authority of local governments to set minimum wage requirements.

Rep. Bentz said, “I encourage anyone interested in these proposals to email the members of the House and Senate Committees to express your concerns.”

The members of the House Business and Labor Committee are as follows:

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The members of the Senate Workforce Committee are as follows:

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