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HOUSE SPEAKER TINA KOTEK RELEASES STATEMENT ON GOVERNOR BROWN'S MINIMUM WAGE PROPOSAL

“Today, Governor Brown released a plan for a minimum wage increase that forges a middle ground based on input from both sides of this issue, and I appreciate her leadership.

“Her plan recognizes that the economic reality in the Portland-metro area, where the cost of living is high and rising fast, is different from many communities across the state. The plan also addresses the business need for a predictable phase-in.

“Oregon should be a state where if you work full-time, you don't live in poverty. The Governor's proposal would take a significant step forward in meeting that goal. While I personally would support getting to a higher minimum wage faster, many families will be helped by this proposal.

“I can support this proposal because I believe the legislature has an opportunity help thousands of Oregonians by taking action on this important issue in 2016.”

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