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- Raising minimum wage will cost jobs
- Oregon currently has the second highest minimum wage in the country at \$9.25/hr
- 7 bills raise minimum wage from a low of \$10.75/hr by 2016 to a high of \$15.00/hr by 2018 – this is an increase of 16% to 62% in just 1 to 3 years' time.
- 3 bills repeal the current state pre-emption statute regarding minimum wage and would grant statutory authority to local governments to set minimum wage at various levels which would cost business in compliance and tracking.
- San Francisco is reporting local businesses, including several restaurants, closing due to their recent minimum wage increase to \$15/hr
- SeaTac employees have reported losing money as the “extra perks” have been cut to cover the increase to \$15/hr
- Raising minimum wage will increase the cost of goods and services (which these same employees pay for)
- Raising minimum wage will cause some businesses to automate reducing jobs (many restaurants have already begun doing this with tablets at the tables to place your order, thereby cutting jobs)

In general raising the minimum wage will harm most those it is aimed to help – the low-wage worker – with fewer hours, fewer jobs and fewer benefits while raising the cost of goods and services.

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