

Senate Workforce and House Business and Labor Committees  
Testimony in Support of SB 610 and HB 2009

Chairs and members of the committees:

I am a custodian with the Bend/LaPine school district. I have worked for them for about a year and a half. I started working for the school after the luxury RV park, where I had worked for eight years, "downsized" to fill my management position with people who would accept a lower wage. I have a college degree in English Literature from The University of Washington and am struggling to earn a decent living. After Federal and State taxes, rent, utilities and other bills including auto and home insurance and property taxes I barely have \$200 left for food, gas and leisure activities. Making \$13.73 per hour for the hard work I do is depressing. I am all for raising the minimum wage. Life just really isn't that fun when all you can afford is to work to pay bills and then repeat the process.

Sincerely,  
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