

Chair Holvey:

In Monday's hearing regarding minimum wage bills, you asked for information regarding how incomes have tracked inflation, measured by the Consumer Price Index.

Between 1990 and 2014:

- Oregon's minimum wage grew at an average rate of 3.22% a year.
- U.S. inflation averaged 2.51% a year.
- Oregon wage and salary income per worker grew at an average rate of 3.41% a year.
- U.S. wage and salary income per worker grew at an average rate of 3.22% a year.

	1990	2014	Average Annual Growth
Minimum wage, Oregon	\$4.25	\$9.10	3.22%
CPI	130.66	236.71	2.51%
Wage and salary income, average per employed person:			
- Oregon	\$22,024	\$49,266	3.41%
- US	\$25,027	\$53,530	3.22%

The calculations are based on data produced by the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis.

I have copied the other members of the committee on this email.

Please feel free to contact me with any further comments or questions.

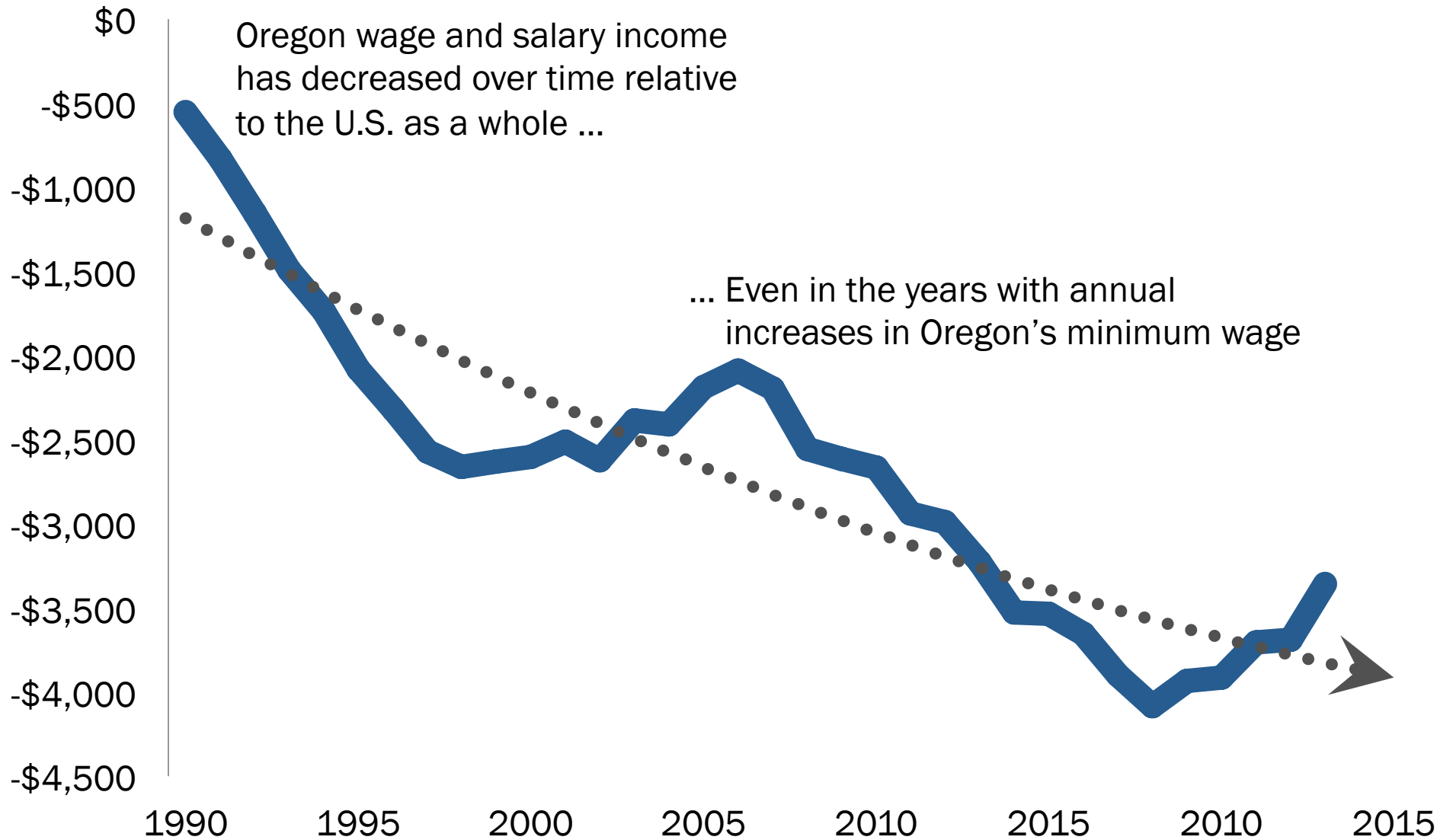
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Testimony of Eric Fruits, Exhibit 1

Difference in Oregon and U.S. average wage and salary income

Oregon average minus U.S. average, since 1990

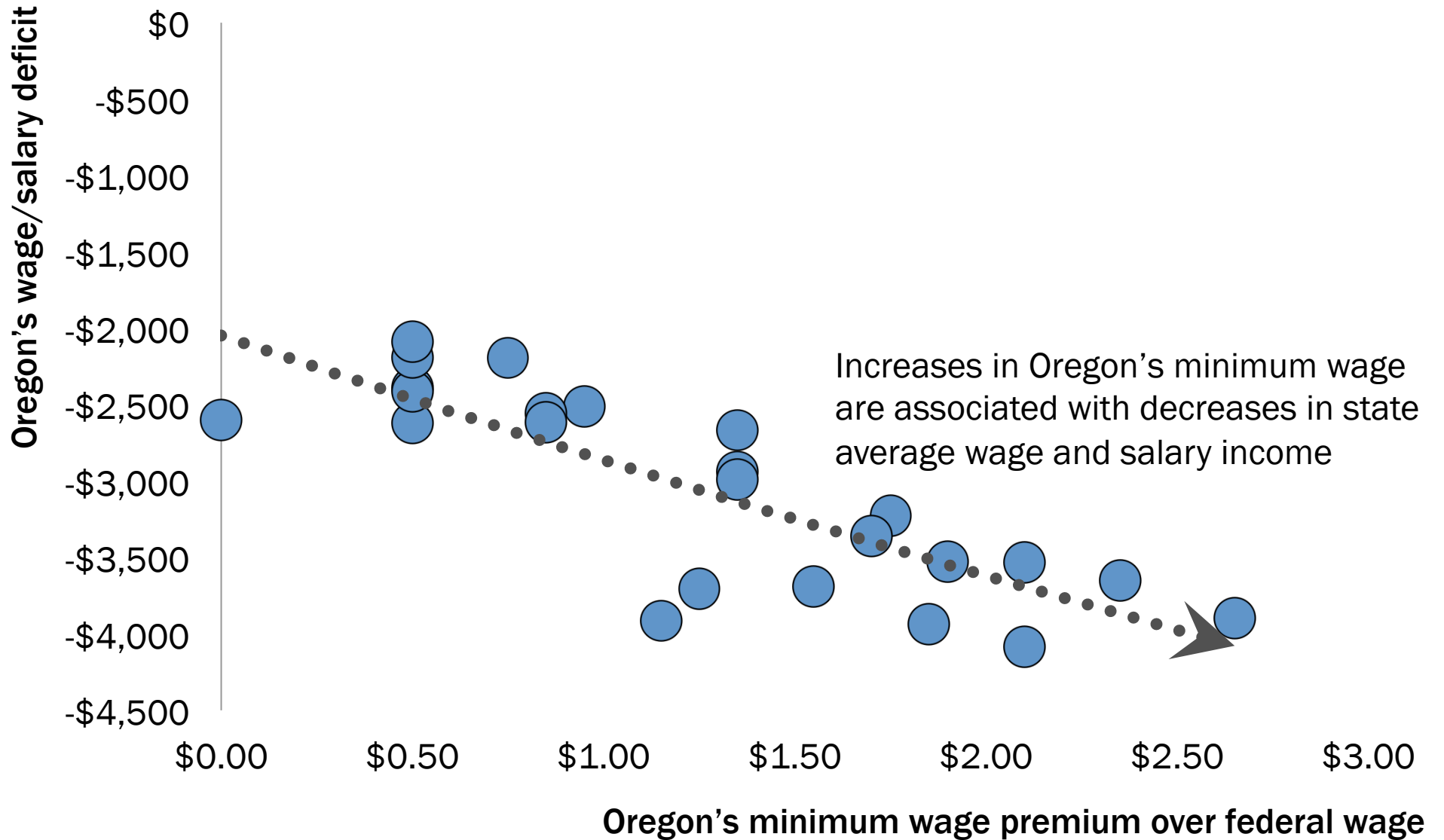


Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

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Increasing Oregon minimum wage, but decreasing incomes

Oregon wage minus U.S. average wage, since 1990



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and Bureau of Economic Analysis; Tax Policy Center