

Dear Senator Dembrow,

I understand you will be taking public comments on SB 1532 tomorrow. Although I can not be there, I wanted to email my comments to you to include as a formal part of the record.

As a small business owner in Eugene for more than a dozen years, I can tell you that the proposed jump in minimum wage will do the opposite of what proponents hope. Employers like myself will be given a significant incentive to streamline and automate, to operate with fewer employees. The net result will be a loss in jobs for the state at a critical time when we can not afford to lose a single job.

I urge you and the committee not to support this bill. Our state needs to adopt measures that will grow our economy and add jobs. This bill will do the opposite and harm our tax base as well.

Best regards,

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