

House Business & Labor Committee,

I am adamantly opposed to Senate Bill 1532. As the General Manager of a private golf club in Bend this will have an immediate impact on 57% of our staff. Of our 70 hourly employees 39 of them are paid an hourly wage between \$9.25 and \$9.50. An additional 27 of our hourly staff (38%) make less than \$13 per hour. Four of our 70 employees (5%) have an hourly rate over \$13 an hour. What kind of impact do you think a minimum wage will have on our business? Huge! What will it mean to us? Very simple, we WILL employ less people.

How many hundreds of other small businesses such as ours in this state will respond in the same way? I can only imagine it will be quite a few. The consumer cannot absorb the increase in payroll costs, therefore the employer will employ less people. State income tax will be reduced, unemployment will sky rocket, there will be more demand on state and federal subsidy programs. Is this what we want for our state?

NO we don't. Do not pass this bill.

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