

Dear Oregon House Representatives,

RE: Governor Brown's SB 1532

I encourage you to vote against SB 1532 and require Governor Brown to place this bill on the November statewide ballots.

1) SB 1532 was passed hastily during the legislative short session, which is a violation of the short session agreement that is illegal and unethical preventing businesses and voters the opportunity to challenge it's merit through initiative process. SB 1532 is 1 of 360 proposed in the 35 days short session, bills of this nature makes the system cumbersome slowing progress and time consuming.

2) SB 1532 has 3 separate regions that is discriminating against the citizens in Oregon, 18 Counties increase \$12.50, 18 Counties increase \$13.5 and Workers of Portland's Urban Growth Boundary increase \$14.75. There are 36 counties in Oregon, yet the "Portland's Urban Growth boundaries" are inconclusive or indecisive boundaries description giving Governor Brown the authority to arbitrarily decide which counties she wants increased to \$14.75. All counties may utilize legal ballot measure process firmly and fairly statewide. Makes no sense, neighboring counties with the same economic issues, shortfalls and value, but have different minimum wage rates. Are property taxes next by city blocks ?

3) Estimated cost 1.2 billion Oregonian's tax increases, already rank 10th nationwide. This will cause Oregonians to relocate different states, causing decreases school populations, property tax rates raises creating additional instability.

4) Expectations of 67,000 job losses on an already unstable economy, services cut, prices increased to consumers, overall infrastructure with budget shortfalls, an unfordable work pool for part time, seasonal workers, etc. The last lines of SB 1532 caught my eye, I am all for the public "not relying on public assistance or charity to get by," however if only 4% of the work pool is minimum wage earners, wouldn't it be more beneficial to the employer and the public to hire more employees, teach them skills and increase wages through experience and promotional opportunities ? Won't this also raise the demand on skilled labor to a higher rate ? "They want to be able to make it on their own, performing the labor that we ask of them," Yes we all "want to make it on our own," but with good management practices, positive re-enforcement, the public is pretty versatile meeting financial needs, if they desire to work. I started out 14 years of age at \$1.35 an hour right here in Oregon. worked through the system, overtime and three jobs at one time, but I met my financial needs and gained self esteem.

I urge you to vote no to SB 1532, tell Governor Brown this bill in an abusive violation of the short legislative session agreement, primary agenda deal with budget and state emergencies, minimum wages are not an "emergency." Approving this bill discredits the Integrity of the Oregon Election System with nine months to adequately prepare for the statewide ballot.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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