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SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1473

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By House Committee on Commerce & Labor (originally sponsored by Representatives Prentice, Heavey, Belcher, Wineberry, Morris, Cole, Jones, Jacobsen, Ogden, Leonard, R. Johnson, R. King, Ludwig, Rust, Basich, Orr, G. Fisher, Riley, Pruitt, Sprenkle, Peery, Wang, Locke, Phillips, Dellwo, Cooper, Fraser, Nelson, Spanel, Brekke and Anderson).

Read first time February 18, 1991.

1            AN ACT Relating to periodic adjustments of the state minimum wage;  
2 amending RCW 49.46.020; providing an effective date; and declaring an  
3 emergency.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 49.46.020 and 1989 c 1 s 2 are each amended to read as  
6 follows:

7            (1) Every employer shall pay to each of his or her employees who  
8 has reached the age of eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than  
9 ~~((three dollars and eighty-five cents per hour except as may be~~  
10 ~~otherwise provided under this section. Beginning January 1, 1990, the~~  
11 ~~state minimum wage shall be))~~ four dollars and twenty-five cents per  
12 hour, except that the wage rate shall be:

13            (a) Beginning on July 1, 1991, four dollars and seventy-five cents  
14 per hour;

1       (b) Beginning on January 1, 1992, five dollars and twenty-five  
2 cents per hour; and

3       (c) Beginning on April 1, 1993, and readjusted beginning on each  
4 April 1st thereafter, adjusted to the nearest cent which bears the  
5 ratio of its original amount that exists between the index for 1991 and  
6 the index for the calendar year prior to the year of adjustment. For  
7 the purposes of this subsection "index" means the same as RCW  
8 2.12.037(1).

9       (2) The director shall by regulation establish the minimum wage for  
10 employees under the age of eighteen years.

11       NEW SECTION. Sec. 2.       This act is necessary for the immediate  
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take  
14 effect July 1, 1991.