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5 On page 1, beginning on line 8, after "employer." strike all
6 material through "employee." on line 13

7 On page 2, after line 3, insert the following:

8 "Sec. 2. RCW 49.46.020 and 1993 c 309 s 1 are each amended to read
9 as follows:

10 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, every employer
11 shall pay to each of his or her employees who has reached the age of
12 eighteen years wages at a rate of not less than four dollars and ninety
13 cents per hour.

14 (2)(a) Beginning January 1, 1998, the applicable minimum wage rate
15 under subsection (1) of this section shall be five dollars and fifty
16 cents per hour.

17 (b) Beginning January 1, 1999, the applicable minimum wage rate
18 under subsection (1) of this section shall be six dollars per hour.

19 (c) Beginning January 1, 2000, the applicable minimum wage rate
20 under subsection (1) of this section shall be six dollars and fifty
21 cents per hour.

22 (d) Beginning on January 1, 2001, the applicable minimum wage rate
23 under subsection (1) of this section shall be determined under this
24 subsection (2)(d). On September 30, 2000, and on each September 30th
25 thereafter, the department of labor and industries shall calculate an
26 adjusted minimum wage rate to maintain employees' purchasing power by
27 increasing the minimum wage to respond to inflation. The department
28 shall calculate the adjusted minimum wage rate to the nearest cent
29 using the implicit price deflator for the previous calendar year as
30 calculated by the United States department of commerce, or a successor
31 agency, and adopted by the economic and revenue forecast council. The
32 adjusted minimum wage rate calculated under this subsection (2)(d)
33 takes effect each year on January 1st following calculation.

34 (3) The director shall by regulation establish the minimum wage for
35 employees under the age of eighteen years."

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4 On page 1, line 1 of the title, after "employment;" insert

5 "amending RCW 49.46.020;"

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