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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 188

BY REPRESENTATIVE DIXON

EMPLOYMENT/WAGES-MINIMUM: Urges and requests certain organizations to form a Minimum Wage Task Force

1	A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
2	To urge and request the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the AFL-CIO, the
3	Louisiana Budget Project, the Workplace Justice Project, and the Louisiana
4	Workforce Commission to form a Minimum Wage Task Force to study the impact
5	of raising the minimum wage in Louisiana.
6	WHEREAS, all workers should be paid a minimum wage that is sufficient to meet
7	basic living expenses; and
8	WHEREAS, the establishment and requirement of fair labor standards in
9	employment is in the interest of the public policy of this state; and
10	WHEREAS, for many working families who live paycheck-to-paycheck, a higher
11	minimum wage may mean the difference between hunger and sustenance or a safe home and
12	homelessness; and
13	WHEREAS, Louisiana workers do not have the assurance that, with full-time
14	employment, they will be able to support themselves and their families; and
15	WHEREAS, when employees are paid substandard wages, the state of Louisiana
16	loses revenue as a result of reduced payroll, income, and sales taxes, as well as contributions
17	to the unemployment insurance and workers' compensation systems which diminish state
18	and local government revenues; and
19	WHEREAS, in addition to the loss of revenue collected, a lower minimum wage
20	means that more families are dependent upon public assistance, which creates a higher
21	financial burden for the already-strained budget of the state; and

1	WHEREAS, local business suffers when workers and their families have reduced or
2	no disposable income with which to purchase goods and services; and
3	WHEREAS, other states of the union have implemented a minimum wage that is
4	higher than the federal minimum wage; and
5	WHEREAS, interested organizations such as the Louisiana Association of Business
6	and Industry, the AFL-CIO, the Louisiana Budget Project, the Workplace Justice Project,
7	and the Louisiana Workforce Commission have the knowledge and expertise to study the
8	potential impacts of a higher minimum wage; and
9	WHEREAS, one member from each organization shall be appointed by the head of
10	each respective organization, to serve on the Minimum Wage Task Force; and
11	WHEREAS, service on the Minimum Wage Task Force shall be voluntary and
12	without additional compensation for participation on the task force.
13	THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
14	urge and request the Louisiana Association of Business and Industry, the AFL-CIO, the
15	Louisiana Budget Project, the Workplace Justice Project, and the Louisiana Workforce
16	Commission to form a Minimum Wage Task Force to study the impact of raising the
17	minimum wage in Louisiana.
18	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall convene its first meeting by
19	October 1, 2014.
20	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the LWC shall provide staffing as needed by the
21	task force.
22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall solicit input, advice and
23	recommendations from other interested stakeholders as needed.
24	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana
25	Association of Business and Industry, the AFL-CIO, the Louisiana Budget Project, the
26	Workplace Justice Project, and the Louisiana Workforce Commission.

DIGEST

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