

**DRAFTER'S NOTE
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Senator Decker:

There is more than one minimum wage. In addition to the minimum wage for employees generally, there are separate minimum wages for minor and opportunity employees, tipped employees, agricultural employees, camp counselors, and golf caddies. In addition, employers that provide board and lodging are permitted to deduct certain amounts for the board and lodging provided.

Accordingly, this draft increases not only the minimum wage for employees generally but also the separate minimum wages and board and lodging allowances provided under current DWD rules. Specifically, the draft increases those minimum wages and allowances by 11.5 percent, which is the percentage increase that result when increasing the current minimum wage of \$6.50 for employees generally by 75 cents to \$7.25, as requested.

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