MINIMUM WAGE STUDY COMMITTEE

Agenda
Thursday, August 10, 2017
Room 10, State House

11:00 a.m. Call to Order and Election of Officers
Catherine Benham, Associate Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

11:15 a.m. Review of Statutory Authority
Damien Leonard, Legislative Council

11:30 a.m. History of Vermont, Federal, other states, and municipal minimum wage policies; and comparisons to inflation and basic needs; the Earned Income Tax Credit
Damien Leonard
Joyce Manchester, Economist, Joint Fiscal Office

12:45 p.m. Recess for Lunch

1:30 p.m. Benefits Cliff
- Work Supports for People on Public Benefits – Assessing Vermont’s Benefit Structure
  Paul Dragon, Director of Policy & Program Integration, Agency of Human Services
- The Relationship Between the Minimum Wage Level and the Benefit Level
  Deb Brighton, Consultant, Joint Fiscal Office

2:30 p.m. Review of Selected Studies
- Memorandum: Proposed Five-Year Minimum Wage Increase to $15/hour in 2022
  Tom Kavet, Legislature’s Economist
- Tentative Preliminary Summary Review: Two Studies on the Effects of Raising the Minimum Wage to $13 per Hour in Seattle
  Joyce Manchester

3:30 p.m. Committee Discussion of Next Meeting Dates and Public Testimony at Future Meetings and Possible Dates: (Sept. 5-6, Oct. 2-6, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, and Nov. 6)

4:00 p.m. Adjourn