



**GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
STATE OF VERMONT**

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