MINIMUM WAGE STUDY COMMITTEE

General Assembly
State of Vermont

Agenda
Wednesday, September 6, 2017
Room 10, State House

9:00 a.m. Wage Stagnation and Income Inequality, (US and VT); New York State Minimum Wage Response and Schedule [presents]
David Cooper, Economic Policy Institute (via GoToMeeting)

10:15 a.m. Vermont’s Minimum Wage Indexed by Different Measures [presents]
Joyce Manchester, Senior Economist, Joint Fiscal Office

10:45 a.m. How Other Jurisdictions Are Raising the Minimum Wage [presents] [3 docs]
Damien Leonard, Legislative Council

11:15 a.m. History of Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) [presents]
• Amount of Federal Funds to Vermont
• Amount Vermont spends on its EITC
Deb Brighton, Consultant, Joint Fiscal Office

12:00 p.m. Recess for Lunch

12:45 p.m. History and Background of the Livable Wage and basic needs budget [presents]
Ellen Kahler, Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund

1:45 p.m. More on the Benefits Cliff and Possible Ways to Address It [presents]
Deb Brighton

2:15 p.m. Oregon’s Consideration of Its Benefits Cliff with respect to Raising the Minimum Wage
Damien Leonard, and
Katie McLinn, Legislative Council [doc]

2:30 p.m. Effects of State Employee Wage Increases [doc]
What would be the cost to the state?
Beth Fastiggi, Commissioner, and
Harold Schwartz, Director of Operations, Department of Human Resources

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3:00 p.m. Scenarios being Modeled and Projections [Memo from Tom Kavet]
        Deb Brighton, and [presents]
        Joyce Manchester

3:20 p.m. Committee Discussion

3:30 p.m. Adjourn

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