



Hundredth Legislature - First Session - 2007  
**Introducer's Statement of Intent**  
**LB 31**

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**Chairperson:** Abbie Cornett  
**Committee:** Business and Labor  
**Date of Hearing:** March 5, 2007

The following constitutes the reasons for this bill and the purposes which are sought to be accomplished thereby:

LB 31 proposes to amend the Wage and Hour Act as follows:

\*raise the minimum wage for those employees over the age of 17 from \$5.15 per hour to \$6.26 per hour over a three-year period beginning October 1 of 2007. Each year, the wage will be increased by \$.37. The Dept. of Labor will set the rate thereafter, based on inflation.

\*raise the minimum “tipping wage” for those employees over the age of 17 from \$2.13 per hour to 50% of the minimum wage set forth above.

\*provide that student-learners wage will apply to those employees 17 and older.

\*raise the training wage for those employees between the ages of 17 and 20 from \$4.25 per hour to \$5.15 per hour over a three-year period. Each year, the wage will be increased by \$.30 per hour. The Department of Labor will set the rate thereafter, based on inflation.

\*change the Act’s penalty provisions

**Principal Introducer:**

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