

**R# 6**

**Subject: \$15 Minimum Wage**

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**Category: Bargaining Issues**

**Whereas** – the typical cost of living in NH has risen, especially the cost of rental housing (22% in five years);

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**Whereas** – wages have remained relatively flat overall, but have declined in real value for the lower-paid half of the workforce\*;

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**Whereas** – NH's 2017 median household income is estimated at \$73,381 per year, which would equal just over \$18 an hour for two adults working full-time\*;

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**Whereas** – State workers in nursing homes, State Hospital, DOT, and other typically low-wage jobs are doing work that is vital to the health and safety of NH citizens;

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**Therefore, be it further resolved** that the SEA's bargaining team do everything in its power to get all wage scales up so that the lowest paid worker is paid a minimum of \$15 an hour.

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\*Source: NH Fiscal Policy Institute <http://indepthnh.org/2019/08/30/nhfpi-analysis-many-granite-staters-face-difficult-economic-realities/>

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**Recommendation:** Ought to Pass.

\_\_\_\_moved that the Resolution be:

[  ] Passed

[  ] Defeated

[  ] Tabled until

Comments

