



WMDA/CAR Service Station and Automotive Repair Association

Chairperson: Delores G. Kelley
Members of Senate Finance Committee

RE: SB721 – State Minimum Wage Rate - Acceleration

Position: In Opposition

Business is trying to get back to normal in small steps and keep our fingers crossed concerning COVID. Increased costs, loss of business during COVID has small business struggling to recover that continues to this day. All you must do is look at your surroundings today, Parking garages half full and we still have house hearing online. The businesses that I represent depend on vehicle traffic.

This bill would cost a small employer with 14 full time employees \$56.00 dollars a week for each employee or \$784.00 + \$156.00 in taxes for all. \$940.00 more than current minimum wage rate table set to take affect July 1st, 2022. \$48,880 per year.

15 employees and over are worse at \$100.00 a week for each employee or 15 employees is \$1,500 per week +\$300 in taxes. \$1,800.00 a week, \$93,000.00 per year

Both examples are years ahead of what rate would be under current minimum wage table. We need those years to recover,

Please give SB721 an unfavorable Report

WMDA/CAR is a trade association that has represented service stations, convenience stores and repair shops since 1937. Any questions can be addressed to Kirk McCauley, 301-775-0221 or kmccauley@wmda.net