

MEMORANDUM

TO: House Labor and Commerce Committee Members

FROM: Jennifer Senette, staff to Representative Olson

DATE: March 5, 2009

RE: Occupations Tied to the Minimum Wage Formulation

During the February 23rd House Labor and Commerce meeting, Representative Coghill asked a question that I indicated I would follow up on. Representative Coghill inquired about jobs in the state with wages tied to the minimum wage formulation. In short, there are three job categories that are tied to the minimum wage formulation by statute.

As indicated at the hearing, public school bus drivers must be paid at least two times the minimum wage. A second category of workers include those employed in an executive, administrative, or professional capacity. Employees of this type must be paid at least two times the minimum wage for the first 40 hours of employment each week. Finally, prisoners who are productively employed may not receive more than 50% of the minimum wage.

Please find the attached memo from Legislative Research addressing the issue in further detail. If any of this information is unclear or if committee members have follow up questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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