
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
AND TOURISM.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) The research and economic analysis
2 division of the department of business, economic development,
3 and tourism shall conduct a study on the impacts of the minimum
4 wage increases implemented pursuant to Act 114, Session Laws of
5 Hawaii 2022. As part of the study, the division shall examine
6 and analyze:

7 (1) The number of businesses or other employers in the
8 State that:

9 (A) Are subject to section 387-2, Hawaii Revised
10 Statutes, and have been impacted by the minimum
11 wage increases implemented pursuant to Act 114,
12 Session Laws of Hawaii 2022; and

13 (B) Closed or shut down due to increased labor costs,
14 including an analysis of other factors that
15 contributed to business closures; and



1 (2) Comparative research of other states that have set a
2 higher minimum wage rate than Hawaii, including
3 impacts on businesses and other employers in those
4 states.

5 (b) The division shall submit a report of its findings and
6 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
7 legislature no later than December 31, 2027.

8 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
9 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
10 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2026-2027 for
11 the purposes of this Act.

12 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
13 business, economic development, and tourism for the purposes of
14 this Act.

15 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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S.D. 1

Report Title:

DBEDT; Study; Minimum Wage; Increases; Impact on Businesses and Other Employers; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to study the impacts of the incremental minimum wage increases pursuant to Act 114, SLH 2022, on businesses and other employers. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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