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## **Senate strikes down minimum wage increases**

**Concord, NH** – Today, the Senate struck down yet another attempt to increase the minimum wage in the state of New Hampshire. Currently, the State of New Hampshire follows the federal minimum wage and is set to accept federally approved increases. The state does not have its own minimum wage.

Senator Jeb Bradley, (R-Wolfeboro) released the following statement on SB 261 following today's floor vote.

"Wages are increasing nationally and we are seeing the consumer marketplace taking care of itself without the need for mandated wage increases. Companies like Wal-Mart, TJ Maxx, Starbucks, Gap, Costco, Ben & Jerry's, and Whole Foods have already taken the steps to pay their employees an increased wage – which is being driven by market pressure and is the right thing to do," said Senator Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro).

"It is reasonable to believe that employers compensate workers to the best of their businesses' ability. We know that mandating pay increases in New Hampshire would have a dangerous impact on the number of jobs many employers are able to create," Bradley added.

"At a time when we are making significant strides to lower business taxes to strengthen our state's low tax advantage, stimulate job growth and attract new businesses to New Hampshire. Implementing a minimum wage increase is the wrong solution. Let's focus our energy on what we can do help employers, not burden them with additional mandates."

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