



## **New Hampshire Senate** **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Republicans vote to support small business and jobs**

**CONCORD, NH** -- In a show of support for Main Street businesses and job retention, Republicans today turned down SB136, legislation that would have raised the state minimum wage to \$12 an hour.

“We have to be honest about what such an increase would mean,” said Majority Leader Jeb Bradley (R-Wolfeboro), “Conversations about the minimum wage should be based on economics, instead of emotions because raising it so dramatically could lead to unintended consequences and adversely impact the people it is trying to help. Raising the wage helps some people but others lose their jobs. In fact, the Congressional Budget office has said over a million jobs would be lost. Also, the people who would be most hurt are first time job seekers.”

Bradley added, “Small to mid-size businesses would be hurt the most because they would be forced to raise their prices to make up for additional labor costs and likely lay off employees. As our economy continues to get stronger as we come out of the pandemic, we want to create more job opportunities for Granite Staters, not less.”

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