

DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF LANE COUNTY

Platform Committee

9/17/2015

RESOLUTION 2015.14

A resolution of the Democratic Party of Lane County

Relating to Raise the Wage Oregon

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Democratic Party of Lane County, according to the DPLC Platform of 2014, to “Increase the minimum wage and index it to inflation ensure a living wage;” and

Whereas, “Raise the Wage Oregon” has roughly 40 coalition partners who are all part of the progressive community, including SEIU, AFL-CIO, AFSCME, CAUSA, PCUN; and

WHEREAS, there are roughly 500,000 workers in the state of Oregon who are currently making substandard wages; and

WHEREAS, lifting the local preemption will allow cities like Eugene that have a higher cost-of-living to increase their minimum wage even higher; and

WHEREAS, we believe that no worker should be exempted from an increase in the minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, as of January 15th, 2015, The Democratic Party of Lane County resolved their support in favor of increasing the minimum wage; and

WHEREAS, the “Raise the Wage Oregon” coalition is actively working towards improving the lives of hundreds of thousands of Oregonians and ultimately helping the working class by increasing the minimum wage;

THEREFORE, the Democratic Party of Lane County Resolves:

SECTION 1. To endorse the “Raise the Wage Oregon Coalition,” and to work to ensure that workers in our great state finally get the raise that they have needed, to lift local preemption so that municipalities can help combat their cost of living with higher wages

to ensure that no worker is left behind, and to spread “Raise The Wage Oregon’s” message to elected Democrats who represent Lane County in the Oregon Legislature with the goal of passing a bill during the February 2016 short session.

SECTION 2. To support efforts towards lifting local preemption or other methods of dealing with local cost of living variations and ensuring that no worker is exempt from the minimum wage increase.

SECTION 3. To support efforts to substantially increase the minimum wage in Oregon.

**Resolved by the Central Committee of the Democratic Party of Lane County,
Assembled in Eugene, Oregon, September 17, 2015**

Signed:

X _____.

Chris Wig

Chair

X _____.

Celine Swenson-Harris

Secretary