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I am a DSP, I have worked at my current place of employment for over 16 years. After 16 long years I am making just above \$20.00/hr. The starting wage for DSP's is a bit less than that. I love my job and that's why I stay. The wage doesn't allow me any extras in life, but, it does pay my bills and allow me to help my family.

Unfortunately, DSP's don't make much more money, if any, than an employee at a fast food restaurant. DSP's have a lot more responsibilities...not many people want all these responsibilities for such a low wage. So, when we get new staff, they get a taste of what the job entails and leave because flipping burgers or pumping gas is less work and a lot less responsibilities for essentially the same pay.

I support Bill HB 2457, please pass this bill to allow us DSP's to make a more livable wage and more closely reflects what our hard work and dedication to our clients is worth.