

## **US President Obama: Give more salaried workers overtime protections**

Washington (dpa) - US president Obama on Thursday unveiled an overtime rule proposal that he said would raise pay for up to 5 million workers.

The rule would require that some workers paid set salaries rather than a hourly wages receive extra money if they work overtime. Obama made a call to reform during a rally in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

"If you work longer, and you work harder, you should get paid for it," Obama said.

Obama's proposal would increase the current mandatory overtime threshold from 23,660 dollars to 50,400 dollars in annual salary.

Improving worker pay and conditions "has been the focus of the president's domestic agenda since his first day in office," spokesman Josh Earnest said about raising worker's wages.

At the Wisconsin rally, Obama pointed out the Labour Department's monthly employment report, which showed the jobless rate at a seven-year low of 5.3 per cent.

"That's good, but we have more work to do because we have to get folks wages and incomes to keep going up," he said.

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