
HOUSE BILL 1589

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1 AN ACT Relating to the payment of prevailing wages in rural local
2 governments; adding a new section to chapter 39.12 RCW; and creating a
3 new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** Local governments are continuously subject
6 to demands for new or enhanced services. These same jurisdictions are
7 asked to reduce costs and operate more efficiently with limited
8 revenues. Jurisdictions in rural counties are particularly impacted by
9 a declining economy.

10 The legislature finds that local governments in rural counties are
11 in need of financial assistance in order to maintain an adequate
12 infrastructure. Accordingly, the legislature exempts local governments
13 in rural counties from the payment of prevailing wages on public works
14 projects.

15 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 39.12 RCW
16 to read as follows:

17 This chapter shall not apply to any rural county with a population
18 under ten thousand, or any municipality or political subdivision with

1 a population under ten thousand located in a rural county. For the
2 purposes of this section, "rural county" has the same meaning as in RCW
3 82.14.370(5).

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