
SENATE BILL 5366

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By Senators Hochstatter, Swecker, McDonald, Stevens, Johnson and Honeyford

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1 AN ACT Relating to prevailing wages; amending RCW 39.12.020; and
2 creating a new section.

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

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that funding for
5 common school construction, remodeling, and maintenance is scarce. The
6 legislature also finds that taxpayers have strongly expressed their
7 desire for frugal public spending. Yet laws requiring the payment of
8 prevailing wages on public works and maintenance contracts force
9 taxpayers to pay more than they otherwise would for school
10 construction, remodeling, and maintenance. Thus, the legislature
11 intends to exempt public works and maintenance contracts of school
12 districts from prevailing wage requirements, and permit wage
13 competition among firms seeking such contracts.

14 **Sec. 2.** RCW 39.12.020 and 1989 c 12 s 7 are each amended to read
15 as follows:

16 The hourly wages to be paid to laborers, workers, or mechanics,
17 upon all public works and under all public building service maintenance
18 contracts of the state or any county, municipality or political

1 subdivision created by its laws, shall be not less than the prevailing
2 rate of wage for an hour's work in the same trade or occupation in the
3 locality within the state where such labor is performed. For a
4 contract in excess of ten thousand dollars, a contractor required to
5 pay the prevailing rate of wage shall post in a location readily
6 visible to workers at the job site: PROVIDED, That on road
7 construction, sewer line, pipeline, transmission line, street, or alley
8 improvement projects for which no field office is needed or
9 established, a contractor may post the prevailing rate of wage
10 statement at the contractor's local office, gravel crushing, concrete,
11 or asphalt batch plant as long as the contractor provides a copy of the
12 wage statement to any employee on request:

13 (1) A copy of a statement of intent to pay prevailing wages
14 approved by the industrial statistician of the department of labor and
15 industries under RCW 39.12.040; and

16 (2) The address and telephone number of the industrial statistician
17 of the department of labor and industries where a complaint or inquiry
18 concerning prevailing wages may be made.

19 This chapter shall not apply to workers or other persons regularly
20 employed on monthly or per diem salary by the state, or any county,
21 municipality, or political subdivision created by its laws. This
22 chapter shall not apply to public works and public building service
23 maintenance contracts of a school district, as defined in chapter
24 28A.315 RCW, or an educational service district, as defined in chapter
25 28A.310 RCW.

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