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SENATE BILL 6075

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By Senators Horn and Swecker

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1 AN ACT Relating to requiring the use of a stratified random  
2 sampling survey methodology for determination of prevailing wages;  
3 amending RCW 39.12.015; and providing an expiration date.

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

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 39.12.015 and 1965 ex.s. c 133 s 2 are each amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 (1) All determinations of the prevailing rate of wage shall be made  
8 by the industrial statistician of the department of labor and  
9 industries. By January 1, 2004, the industrial statistician shall  
10 determine the prevailing rate of wage using a stratified random  
11 sampling method.

12 (2)(a) A stratified random sampling method must be used to the  
13 broadest extent possible, subject to available resources.

14 (b) If it is determined by the industrial statistician, in  
15 consultation with the prevailing wage advisory committee established in  
16 subsection (4) of this section, that sample size, strata size, or other  
17 factors do not permit the effective use of a stratified random sampling  
18 method, an equally reliable statistical method must be used.

1       (3) In order to ensure a fair and scientifically accurate  
2 stratified random sampling survey, the industrial statistician shall  
3 consult with the prevailing wage advisory committee established in  
4 subsection (4) of this section regarding the necessary scientific  
5 methods, implementation parameters, and resource allocations.

6       (4) The director shall appoint a prevailing wage advisory committee  
7 composed of eleven members: Four members representing subject workers,  
8 each of whom must be appointed from a list of names submitted by a  
9 recognized statewide organization of employees, representing a majority  
10 of employees in a cross-section of state industries; four members  
11 representing subject employers, each of whom must be appointed from a  
12 list of names submitted by a recognized statewide organization of  
13 employers, representing a majority of employers in a cross-section of  
14 state industries; and three ex officio members, without a vote, two of  
15 whom must represent the counties, and the other representing the  
16 department. The member representing the department shall be  
17 chairperson. Labor, business, and county representatives must include  
18 representatives from both large and small entities. The committee  
19 shall, as necessary, report to the legislative committees dealing with  
20 commerce and labor regarding the implementation of this section.

21       (5) Subsections (2), (3), (4), and (5) of this section expire  
22 December 31, 2004.

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