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## Labor & Workforce Development Committee

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### HB 1433

**Brief Description:** Regarding the time for filing a complaint concerning nonpayment of the prevailing rate of wage.

**Sponsors:** Representatives Short, Condotta, Kretz and McCune.

#### Brief Summary of Bill

- Requires that a complaint concerning nonpayment of prevailing wage rates be filed within 30 days of the date that an interested party knew or should have known of the potential violation.

**Hearing Date:** 1/25/12

**Staff:** Alexa Silver (786-7190).

#### Background:

Washington's prevailing wage law requires that contractors and subcontractors on public works projects and public building service maintenance contracts pay their workers prevailing wages when employed on such projects and contracts. The prevailing wage is the hourly wage, usual benefits, and overtime paid in the largest city in each county to the majority of workers in a particular trade or occupation.

The Department of Labor and Industries (Department) establishes prevailing wage rates for each trade and occupation and is otherwise responsible for administering and enforcing the prevailing wage law.

An interested party may file a complaint concerning nonpayment of prevailing wage rates with the Department. A complaint must be filed no later than 30 days from the acceptance date of the

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public works project. The Department investigates complaints by interested parties and issues written determinations, which may be appealed.

**Summary of Bill:**

A complaint concerning nonpayment of the prevailing wage rate must be filed with the Department no later than 30 days from the date that an interested party knew or should have known of the potential violation.

**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Effective Date:** The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.