

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SSB 5070

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Regarding records requests relating to prevailing wage investigations.

**Sponsors:** Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection (originally sponsored by Senators Conway, Kohl-Welles, Kline and Chase; by request of Department of Labor & Industries).

**Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Consumer Protection**  
**House Committee on Labor & Workforce Development**

**Background:** Prevailing wages must be paid to laborers, workers, and mechanics on public works projects. The prevailing wage is the rate of hourly wage, usual benefits, and overtime paid to the majority of workers in the same trade or occupation in the largest city in the county where the work is performed. The Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) administers and enforces state prevailing wage laws, and investigates complaints of violations of prevailing wage laws or rules.

**Summary:** An employer, contractor, or subcontractor that fails to provide or allow inspection of records requested by L&I within 60 days of the request may not use the records in any proceeding to challenge the correctness of any determination made by L&I that wages are owed; that a record or statement is false; or that the employer, contractor, or subcontractor has failed to file a record or statement.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	42	3
House	96	1

**Effective:** July 22, 2011.

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