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By Representatives Orcutt, Hayes, and Pike

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1 AN ACT Relating to the implementation of potential action seven
2 of the joint transportation committee report on efficiencies in the
3 construction and operation of state transportation projects; amending
4 RCW 39.12.020; and creating a new section.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the joint
7 transportation committee, during its study "Efficiencies in the
8 Construction and Operation of State Transportation Projects,"
9 uncovered the fact that a court interpretation of the state
10 prevailing wage law had extended the application of the law beyond
11 federal standards and added hundreds of thousands of dollars in costs
12 to transportation projects. The study recommended, as a cost
13 reduction mechanism, having Washington's prevailing wage law be more
14 consistent with the federal prevailing wage law for transportation
15 projects.

16 **Sec. 2.** RCW 39.12.020 and 2007 c 169 s 1 are each amended to
17 read as follows:

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

1 political subdivision created by its laws, shall be not less than the
2 prevailing rate of wage for an hour's work in the same trade or
3 occupation in the locality within the state where such labor is
4 performed. For a contract in excess of ten thousand dollars, a
5 contractor required to pay the prevailing rate of wage shall post in
6 a location readily visible to workers at the job site: PROVIDED, That
7 on road construction, sewer line, pipeline, transmission line,
8 street, or alley improvement projects for which no field office is
9 needed or established, a contractor may post the prevailing rate of
10 wage statement at the contractor's local office, gravel crushing,
11 concrete, or asphalt batch plant as long as the contractor provides a
12 copy of the 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
15 and industries under RCW 39.12.040; and

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

19 This chapter shall not apply to workers or other persons
20 regularly employed by the state, or any county, municipality, or
21 political subdivision created by its laws; or to workers on a public
22 works transportation project other than mechanics and laborers
23 employed directly on the site of work for a public works
24 transportation project.

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