

ESHB 1817 - S AMD TO LBRC COMM AMD (S-3312.1/19) 569  
By Senator King

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1 On page 2, line 14, after "(b)" strike all of the material  
2 through "area." on line 16 and insert "The worker is being paid at  
3 least a rate commensurate with the wages typically paid for the  
4 occupation in the applicable geographic area, subject to the  
5 following provisions:

6 (i) The prevailing wage rate paid for a worker in the applicable  
7 occupation and geographic area on public works projects may be used  
8 to determine the appropriate rate of pay, however, this subsection  
9 (7)(b) does not require a contractor to pay prevailing wage rates;  
10 and

11 (ii) In no case may the worker be paid at a rate less than an  
12 hourly rate consistent with the seventy-fifth percentile in the  
13 applicable occupation and geographic area in the most recent  
14 occupational employment statistics published by the employment  
15 security department."

16 On page 4, beginning on line 18, strike all of section 4 and  
17 insert the following:

18 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** (1) Failure to comply with the skilled  
19 and trained workforce requirements of this chapter, except the  
20 requirement that a worker be paid at a rate commensurate with wages  
21 typically paid for the occupation, constitutes a violation of chapter  
22 49.17 RCW.

23 (2) The wage rate requirement of section 1(7)(b) of this act  
24 constitutes a wage payment requirement as defined in RCW 49.48.082."

EFFECT: Requires skilled journeypersons be paid at a rate commensurate with the wages typically paid for the occupation in the applicable geographic area rather than the prevailing hourly wage rate. Provides that the prevailing hourly wage rate may be used to determine the appropriate rate of pay, but that a contractor is not required to pay the prevailing hourly wage rate. Provides that a worker may not be paid at a rate less than an hourly rate consistent with the seventy-fifth percentile in the applicable occupation and

geographic area in the most recent occupational employment statistics published by the employment security department.

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