



**Written Public Hearing Testimony of
Kurt Westby, Commissioner
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Labor and Public Employees Committee
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Good Morning Senator Kushner, Representative Porter, Senator Miner, Representative Polletta and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with written testimony regarding **Senate Bill 350, AN ACT CODIFYING PREVAILING WAGE CONTRACT RATES**. My name is Kurt Westby and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

It is essential to protect the integrity of our state's prevailing wage law. DOL supports the concept in this bill that would ensure that workers are paid the appropriate prevailing wage. Further, DOL believes that there should be adequate protections in place if there were to be changes at the federal level in determining the Davis Bacon rates. Although the current draft contains aspects we still need to work through, we are always willing to meet with the committee members, chairs, and proponents of the bill to determine the best way to ensure the highest protection for employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.