

# Labor and Public Employees Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No.:** SB-1123  
AN ACT AMENDING CODIFICATION OF PREVAILING WAGE CONTRACT  
**Title:** RATES.  
**Vote Date:** 3/16/2023  
**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable  
**PH Date:** 3/2/2023  
**File No.:**

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### **SPONSORS OF BILL:**

The Labor and Public Employees Committee.

### **REASONS FOR BILL:**

This legislation seeks to include residential construction under existing prevailing wage contract rates. The prevailing wage rate would be uniformly based on bargaining agreements, and would be intended to ensure that skilled workers on publicly-funded residential construction projects would be fairly compensated.

### **RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

No response was provided from the administration or relevant state agencies.

### **NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

**Jim Lohr, Deputy Director, Carpenters Labor Management:** He offered testimony in favor of this legislation. He stated that under the current system, residential prevailing rates in the state are based on an outdated system of federal surveys, and as a result the residential wage for skilled carpenters is only \$16.76 with a \$1.60 benefit in most of the state. He argued that this is hardly a living wage in the state, and that the system should be made uniform for all categories of public construction, including residential construction.

### **NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

No sources of opposition were provided.

