

# FISCAL NOTE

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PREVAILING WAGE WORKING GROUP IN DPA **Bill Topic:** □ TABOR Refund □ State Revenue

Summary of State Expenditure (minimal workload) **Fiscal Impact:** 

□ State Transfer

□ Local Government

□ Statutory Public Entity

The bill creates a working group to study implementing prevailing wage requirements for state construction contracts. Workload will minimally increase for participating

departments for the period that the working group meets.

**Appropriation Summary:** 

None.

**Fiscal Note** Status:

This fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

#### **Summary of Legislation**

The bill requires the Departments of Labor and Employment and Personnel and Administration to convene a working group in the interim following the 2019 legislative session to study the most efficient and appropriate manner in which to implement a prevailing wage requirement for state construction contracts.

## **Background**

The federal Davis-Bacon Act requires that locally prevailing wages and fringe benefits be paid to workers in qualifying occupations for federal construction contracts that cost more than \$2,000. The U.S. Department of Labor determines the locally prevailing wage rates. Fringe benefits include things like medical insurance and retirement plans. The Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage provisions also apply to construction projects that receive federal assistance through grants, loans, loan guarantees, and insurance.

### State Expenditures

The bill is expected to minimally increase workload within state agencies that participate in the working group. The workload increase is anticipated as a result of preparing for and participating in working group meetings. This workload can be accomplished within existing appropriations.

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### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

### **State and Local Government Contacts**

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