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HB-6378

AN ACT CODIFYING PREVAILING WAGE CONTRACT RATES.

As Amended by House "A" (LCO 7702)

House Calendar No.: 55

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: See Below

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill modifies the method by which the Department of Labor (DOL) is required to determine the prevailing wage for certain trades and occupations for building, heavy, and highway projects.

It is the current practice of the DOL to adopt prevailing wage rates set by the USDOL.¹ Any change in the cost of state and municipal contracts affected by the prevailing wage would depend on how the wage rates determined through the method required under the bill differ from the USDOL rates.

In FY 20, there were 1,000 state, municipal, and private construction projects subject to prevailing wage requirements.

House "A" changes the manner in which the DOL is required to determine the prevailing wage for certain trades under the bill and eliminates the costs to the DOL and the State Comptroller Fringe Benefits account identified in the fiscal note on the underlying bill.

¹ Current law allows the labor commissioner to set prevailing wage rates in one of two ways: (1) through holding a hearing to determine the prevailing wage rates on any public work within a specified area and establishing classifications of labor, or (2) by adopting the federally-determined prevailing wage rates.

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Municipal Impact: See Above