

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 154—ASSEMBLYMEN BROOKS, SPIEGEL, SPRINKLE, JOINER, DALY; ELLIOT ANDERSON, BILBRAY-AXELROD, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, COHEN, FRIERSON, FUMO, JAUREGUI, MILLER, MONROE-MORENO, NEAL, SWANK AND THOMPSON

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JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR ATKINSON

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to prevailing wages. (BDR 28-747)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.  
Effect on the State: Yes.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to prevailing wages; revising provisions governing the payment of prevailing wages; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel's Digest:**

1 School districts and the Nevada System of Higher Education are required under  
2 existing law to pay on their public works and certain other construction projects 90  
3 percent of the prevailing wage rates that are otherwise required to be paid by other  
4 public bodies. (NRS 338.030) **Section 2** of this bill eliminates this exception and  
5 therefore requires school districts and the Nevada System of Higher Education to  
6 pay the same prevailing wage rates on their public works and other construction  
7 projects as other public bodies are required to pay.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** (Deleted by amendment.)  
2 **Sec. 2.** NRS 338.030 is hereby amended to read as follows:  
3 338.030 1. The public body awarding any contract for public  
4 work, or otherwise undertaking any public work, shall ascertain



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1 from the Labor Commissioner the prevailing wage in the county in  
2 which the public work is to be performed for each craft or type of  
3 work.

4 2. The prevailing wage in each county, including Carson City,  
5 must be established as follows:

6 (a) The Labor Commissioner shall, annually, survey contractors  
7 who have performed work in the county.

8 (b) Based on the survey conducted pursuant to paragraph (a),  
9 where the rate of wages is the same for more than 50 percent of the  
10 total hours worked by each craft or type of work in that county on  
11 construction similar to the proposed construction, that rate will be  
12 determined as the prevailing wage.

13 (c) Where no such rate can be determined, the prevailing wage  
14 for a craft or type of work will be determined as the average rate of  
15 wages paid per hour based on the number of hours worked per rate,  
16 to that craft or type of work.

17 ~~[(d) The Labor Commissioner shall determine the prevailing~~  
18 ~~wage to be 90 percent of the rate determined pursuant to paragraphs~~  
19 ~~(a), (b) and (c) for:~~

20 ~~— (1) Any contract for a public work or any other construction,~~  
21 ~~alteration, repair, remodeling or reconstruction of an improvement~~  
22 ~~or property to which a school district or the Nevada System of~~  
23 ~~Higher Education is a party; and~~

24 ~~— (2) A public work of, or constructed by, a school district or~~  
25 ~~the Nevada System of Higher Education, or any other construction,~~  
26 ~~alteration, repair, remodeling or reconstruction of an improvement~~  
27 ~~or property of or constructed by a school district or the Nevada~~  
28 ~~System of Higher Education.]~~

29 3. Within 30 days after the determination is issued:

30 (a) A public body or person entitled under subsection 6 to be  
31 heard may submit an objection to the Labor Commissioner with  
32 evidence to substantiate that a different wage prevails; and

33 (b) Any person may submit information to the Labor  
34 Commissioner that would support a change in the prevailing wage  
35 of a craft or type of work by 50 cents or more per hour in any  
36 county.

37 4. The Labor Commissioner shall hold a hearing in the locality  
38 in which the work is to be executed if the Labor Commissioner:

39 (a) Is in doubt as to the prevailing wage; or

40 (b) Receives an objection or information pursuant to  
41 subsection 3.

42 ➔ The Labor Commissioner may hold only one hearing a year on  
43 the prevailing wage of any craft or type of work in any county.



1 5. Notice of the hearing must be advertised in a newspaper  
2 nearest to the locality of the work once a week for 2 weeks before  
3 the time of the hearing.

4 6. At the hearing, any public body, the crafts affiliated with the  
5 State Federation of Labor or other recognized national labor  
6 organizations, and the contractors of the locality or their  
7 representatives must be heard. From the evidence presented, the  
8 Labor Commissioner shall determine the prevailing wage.

9 7. The wages so determined must be filed by the Labor  
10 Commissioner and must be available to any public body which  
11 awards a contract for any public work.

12 8. Nothing contained in NRS 338.020 to 338.090, inclusive,  
13 may be construed to authorize the fixing of any wage below any rate  
14 which may now or hereafter be established as a minimum wage for  
15 any person employed upon any public work, or employed by any  
16 officer or agent of any public body.

17 **Sec. 3.** (Deleted by amendment.)

18 **Sec. 4.** (Deleted by amendment.)

19 **Sec. 5.** 1. The amendatory provisions of this act do not apply  
20 to a public work or other project of construction, alteration, repair,  
21 remodeling or reconstruction of an improvement or property of a  
22 public body that is awarded before July 1, 2017.

23 2. As used in this section:

24 (a) "Public body" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
25 NRS 338.010.

26 (b) "Public work" has the meaning ascribed to it in  
27 NRS 338.010.

28 **Sec. 6.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2017.

