



WPCCA Mid-Year Legislative Update Priority Bill Report

AB 1890

AUTHOR: [Patterson, Joe R](#)

TITLE: Public works: prevailing wage.

SUMMARY: This bill requires a body awarding a public works contract to notify the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR), within 30 days, of any changes or additions regarding the project registration that involve either a change in the identity of a contractor or subcontractor performing the work or a major change in the total amount of the contract. This bill exempts projects of awarding bodies operating labor compliance programs approved by DIR and covered by a valid project labor agreement.

STATUS: Read second time. Ordered to third reading.

POSITION: Support

AB 1957

AUTHOR: [Wilson D](#)

TITLE: Public contracts: best value construction contracting for counties.

SUMMARY: Expands a pilot program for the Counties of Alameda, Los Angeles, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Yuba for best value procurement for construction projects in excess of one million to include all counties. The bill also extends the sunset date on the authorization for the program from January 1, 2025, to January 1, 2030.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 58, Statutes of 2024.

POSITION: Active

AB 2009

AUTHOR: [Rendon D](#)

TITLE: School districts: public contracts.

SUMMARY: Increases the force account and bidding thresholds, from \$15,000 to \$34,500, for school districts. Also, requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to annually raise the amounts to reflect the percentage change in the California Cost Consumer Price Index.

STATUS: Dead

POSITION: Oppose

AB 2179

AUTHOR: [Davies R](#)

TITLE: Pupil services: local apprenticeship programs: notification of parents or guardians.

SUMMARY: This bill would require a school district to, at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term, provide information on local state approved apprenticeship programs to the parents or guardians of students advancing to grades 11 and 12.

STATUS: Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 62, Statutes of 2024.



POSITION: Support

[AB 2182](#)

AUTHOR: [Haney D](#)

TITLE: Public works.

SUMMARY: This measure, would make current prevailing wage determinations applicable to public works projects at the time the work is performed. Under existing California law, DIR publishes prevailing wage determinations twice a year in February and in August and the wages required to be paid to workers on public works projects are determined by the prevailing wages that are published by DIR at the time of the projects bid advertisement date.

STATUS: Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

POSITION: Support

[AB 2192](#)

AUTHOR: [Carrillo, Juan D](#)

TITLE: Public agencies: cost accounting standards.

SUMMARY: Increases project cost limits specified in the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (Act) and separates the negotiated contracts and purchase order limits from the force account limits. In addition, the bill broadens the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission's authority to oversee enforce the Act to ensure that public agencies subject to the Act are following the Act's procedures.

STATUS: Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

POSITION: Support

[AB 2200](#)

AUTHOR: [Kalra D](#)

TITLE: Guaranteed Health Care for All.

SUMMARY: Would establish the California Guaranteed Health Care for All Act and enact a framework of governance, benefits, program standards, and health care cost controls to implement a single-payer healthcare system in California. Notably absent from the bill is how the massive new bureaucracy will be funded. The Healthy California for All Commission estimated a single-payer healthcare system would cost the state over \$500 billion annually. The bill doesn't contain a carveout for industry sponsored labor and management health and welfare trusts, meaning our industry health and welfare trust would be dissolved if the measure were to become law.

STATUS: Dead

POSITION: Oppose

[AB 2264](#)

AUTHOR: [Arambula D](#)

TITLE: Occupational safety and health: heat illness prevention certification.

SUMMARY: This bill would, commencing July 1, 2028, require an employee to obtain a heat illness



prevention certification from the division within 30 days after the date of hire and to maintain a valid certification for the duration of their employment, renewing every three years. The bill would require the division to develop and make accessible the heat illness prevention certification process on its internet website by July 1, 2028.

STATUS: Dead

POSITION: Oppose

[AB 2439](#)

AUTHOR: [Quirk-Silva](#) D

TITLE: Public works: prevailing wages: access to records.

SUMMARY: Would have required an owner, developer, or the agent of an owner or developer, that receives public funds from a public agency to perform public works projects, to make available specified records to joint labor-management committees, multiemployer Taft-Hartley trust funds, and nonprofits established to ensure compliance within the building and construction trades.

STATUS: Dead

POSITION: Support

[AB 2451](#)

AUTHOR: [Cervantes](#) D

TITLE: Public works: prevailing wages.

SUMMARY: Current law requires that workers employed on public works be paid not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character in the locality that the public work is performed. Current law requires the Director of Industrial Relations to determine the applicable wage rates established by collective bargaining agreements within the locality and in the nearest labor market area. This bill would change prevailing wage law to state that if there is overlap in “craft or classification” in a CBA, the highest rate will prevail.

STATUS: Dead

POSITION: Oppose

[AB 2622](#)

AUTHOR: [Carrillo, Juan](#) D

TITLE: Contractors: license requirement exemptions: work and advertisements.

SUMMARY: The Contractors State License Law establishes the Contractors State License Board within the Department of Consumer Affairs and sets forth its powers and duties relating to the licensure and regulation of contractors. Current law makes it a misdemeanor for a person to act as a contractor without a license, unless exempted. Current law exempts from the licensing requirement a work or operation on one undertaking or project by one or more contracts, if the aggregate contract price for labor, material, and all other items is under \$500, except as specified. This bill would revise the licensing exemption by increasing the maximum aggregate contract price to \$1,000, as adjusted for inflation by the board.



STATUS: Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

POSITION: **Oppose** -> **Active**

Note: Industry amendments taken to reduce limit from \$5000 to \$1000 & to remove the inflation adjustment forthcoming.

[AB 2751](#)

AUTHOR: [Haney D](#)

TITLE: Employer communications during nonworking hours.

SUMMARY: This bill would require a public or private employer to establish a workplace policy that provides employees the right to disconnect from communications from the employer during nonworking hours. The bill would define the "right to disconnect" to mean that, except for an emergency or for scheduling, an employee has the right to ignore communications from the employer during nonworking hours. The bill would require nonworking hours to be established by written agreement between an employer and employee. The bill would authorize an employee to file a complaint of a pattern of violation of the bill's provisions with the Labor Commissioner, punishable by a civil penalty.

STATUS: **Dead**

POSITION: **Oppose**

[AB 3186](#)

AUTHOR: [Petrie-Norris D](#)

TITLE: Public works: prevailing wages: access to records.

SUMMARY: Requires owners and developers that receives public funds from a public agency to develop a public works project to make records available within 10 days upon request by the Division of Labor Standards Enforcement, multi-employer Taft-Hartley trust funds, and joint labor-management committees. Records subject to release include requests for bids and submitted bid documents, final executed construction contracts, records of work performed and workers employed on the project, including a certified copy of payroll records, and if applicable, monthly reports regarding skilled and trained workforce.

STATUS: **Dead**

POSITION: **Support**

[AB 3190](#)

AUTHOR: [Haney D](#)

TITLE: Public works.

SUMMARY: Subjects to public works law certain affordable housing projects by adding certain low-income housing tax credits to the definition of "paid for in whole or in part out of public funds," and providing that specified projects built pursuant to certain low-income housing tax credits or a below-market interest rate loan with a state agency, redevelopment agency, successor agency to a redevelopment agency when acting in that capacity, or a local housing authority, are subject to public works requirements.

STATUS: Re-referred to Com. on APPR.



POSITION: Support

ACR 141

AUTHOR: [Ortega D](#)

TITLE: Women in Construction Week.

SUMMARY: Would proclaim the week of March 3, 2024, to March 9, 2024, inclusive, as Women in Construction Week.

STATUS: Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 43, Statutes of 2024

POSITION: Support

SB 956

AUTHOR: [Cortese D](#)

TITLE: School facilities: design-build contracts.

SUMMARY: Current law, until January 1, 2025, authorizes a school district, with the approval of the governing board of the school district, to procure design-build contracts for public works projects in excess of \$1,000,000, awarding the contract by low bid or best value. This bill would delete the provision making this authorization inoperative on January 1, 2025, thereby extending it indefinitely.

STATUS: Read second time. Ordered to consent calendar.

POSITION: Active

SB 984

AUTHOR: [Wahab D](#)

TITLE: Public agencies: project labor agreements.

SUMMARY: Would require by January 1, 2027 that the Judicial Council of California and the California State University system identify and select at least three major state construction projects, that exceed a total estimated cost of \$35 million each, to be subject to project labor agreements.

STATUS: Re-referred to Com. on APPR. pursuant to Assembly Rule 96.

POSITION: Support

SB 1116

AUTHOR: [Portantino D](#)

TITLE: Unemployment insurance: trade disputes: eligibility for benefits.

SUMMARY: This bill authorizes workers involved in a trade dispute to collect unemployment insurance benefits, after a two-week wait period, while they are on strike.

STATUS: Dead

POSITION: Oppose

SB 1303

AUTHOR: [Caballero D](#)

TITLE: Public works.

SUMMARY: This bill requires a private labor compliance entity or an awarding body to notify the Division



of Labor Standards Enforcement (DLSE) and confer with negotiating parties as well as participate in a process authorizing the contractor to review and respond to the alleged violations prior to withholding progress payments for violations of public works law. Additionally, the bill requires a private labor compliance entity to disclose potential conflicts of interest and submit to the awarding body and DLSE a signed declaration under penalty of perjury verifying that it has no conflicts of interest.

STATUS: Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

POSITION: Support

SB 1321

AUTHOR: [Wahab D](#)

TITLE: Employment Training Panel: employment training program: projects and proposals.

SUMMARY: This bill applies additional goals and project requirements for the Employment Training Panel (ETP), including meeting Division of Apprenticeship Standards (DAS) criteria for high road job training programs. The bill would also prohibit a proposal from being considered or approved by ETP if, an applicant is ineligible to bid, be awarded, or subcontract on a public works project. Additionally, the bill would require ETP to provide notice of the intent to award proposals at least 30 days before a meeting to approve or reject a proposed award.

STATUS: Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

POSITION: Support

SB 1340

AUTHOR: [Smallwood-Cuevas D](#)

TITLE: Discrimination.

SUMMARY: Requires the California Civil Rights Department (CRD) to establish and maintain a comprehensive database to track all infrastructure contracting and procurement activities by state agencies. Requires a contractor or subcontractor under an infrastructure contract awarded by a state agency to report to the CRD specified demographic data, and requires the contractor or subcontractor to conduct a survey to collect this data and imposes civil penalties for a contractor's or subcontractor's failure to comply with these provisions. The bill also requires CRD to collaborate with relevant state agencies, local governments, and stakeholders to develop and implement strategies for promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in public infrastructure contracting and procurement.

STATUS: Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

POSITION: Oppose

SB 1455

AUTHOR: [Ashby D](#)

TITLE: Contractors: licensing.

SUMMARY: This bill would continue in existence the Contractors State License Board until January 1, 2029.

STATUS: Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

POSITION: Support