

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 5763

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Eliminating subprevailing wage certificates for individuals with disabilities.

Sponsors: Senators Randall, Sheldon, Lovelett, Nguyen, Nobles, Saldaña, Wellman and Wilson, C..

Senate Committee on Labor, Commerce & Tribal Affairs
House Committee on Labor & Workplace Standards

Background: State law requires prevailing wages be paid to laborers, workers, and mechanics employed upon all public works and under all public building service maintenance contracts. The prevailing wage is the hourly wage, usual benefits, and overtime to the majority of workers, laborers, or mechanics in the same trade or occupation

Under current law, the director of the Department of Labor and Industries (L&I) is required, to the extent necessary to prevent curtailment of opportunities for employment, to provide for the employment of individuals with disabilities at wages lower than the applicable prevailing wage rate through the issuance of special certificates.

L&I has implemented rules carrying out the statute, authorizing nonprofit vocational rehabilitation programs to apply for subprevailing wage certificates for workers with certain disabilities. Subprevailing wage certificates are valid for a maximum of one year and may be renewed.

Summary: The statute requiring the director of L&I to provide for the employment of individuals with disabilities at wages lower than the applicable prevailing wage rate through the issuance of special certificates is repealed.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	42	5
House	86	9

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