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TO: ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE
FROM: ASSOCIATED BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS
RE: H.B. 582- PROCUREMENT- PREVAILING WAGE- APPLICABILITY
POSITION: OPPOSE

Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) opposes H.B. 582 which is before you today for consideration. The bill would expand the number of projects in the state subject to the prevailing wage requirements. The fiscal note indicates an increase in costs for these projects which will result in less construction at higher prices.

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The prevailing wage law was enacted to ensure that employees working on state projects will receive the inflated wage rates determined by the annual wage survey. However, it was not intended to include non-state projects and H.B. 582 will expand the number of projects subject to the wage. ng budgeted for the project. At a time when the State is searching for funds to pay for enhanced education, crime and social programs, increasing the cost of capital projects is not in the best interest of the state.

On behalf of the over 1,500 ABC business members, we respectfully respect an unfavorable report on H.B. 582.

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