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TESTIMONY OF DELEGATE PAM QUEEN
HB 513 – Investor-owned Utilities – Prevailing Wage - Enforcement
SUPPORT

Greetings Chair C.T. Wilson, Vice-Chair Brian Crosby, and members of the Economic Matters Committee:

HB 513 is intended to clarify enacted law that contractors hired by investor utilities to pay prevailing wage on certain underground utility work.

Unfortunately, there is either confusion or non-cooperation from some parties. The goal is to ensure that all utility contractors pay the appropriate prevailing wage.

This bill would clarify that the Department of Labor is solely responsible for providing the wage rates and classifications for underground utility work.

I seek a favorable recommendation for HB 513.