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**UA PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS LOCAL 486**

**BEFORE THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**AND THE HOUSE GOVERNMENT, LABOR, AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**SENATE BILL 675 / HOUSE BILL 997 – UNFAVORABLE**

Dear Chair Beidle, Chair Wells, and Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Government, Labor, and Elections Committee:

On behalf of UA Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 486, I respectfully oppose Senate Bill 675 / House Bill 997.

Prevailing wage laws are intended to prevent the undercutting of local wage standards on public projects. This bill does the opposite by excluding relevant, real-world wage data from the prevailing wage calculation, resulting in artificially suppressed rates.

For Local 486 members who perform technically demanding plumbing, gas fitting, and steamfitting work on public infrastructure projects, those lower rates threaten wage stability, workforce retention, and fair competition among contractors.

UA Local 486 urges an unfavorable report.

Sincerely,

*Chris Anderson*

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