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TESTIMONY ON HB#0997 - POSITION: FAVORABLE
State Finance and Procurement - Prevailing Wage Rate – Calculation

TO: Chair Wells, Vice Chair Kerr, and members of the Government, Labor and Elections Committee

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My name is Richard Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3, Frederick County. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#/0997, **State Finance and Procurement - Prevailing Wage Rate - Calculation**

“Prevailing wage rate” means the hourly rate of wages paid in the locality as determined by the Commissioner. For each public work to which this ... applies, the Commissioner shall determine the prevailing wage rate for each classification of worker engaged in work of the same or a similar character.

The companies covered under this proposed law are the “investor–owned electric company”, an electric company that is not a municipal electric utility or an electric cooperative or an “investor–owned gas company”, a gas company that is not a municipal gas utility or a gas cooperative.

This bill will modify the method by which the Commissioner of Labor and Industry determine a prevailing wage rate; and requiring the Commissioner to vacate a certain prevailing wage rate under certain circumstances.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report on HB0997.