



## HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

# FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 846

PRINTER'S NO. 876

PRIME SPONSOR: Dawkins

### COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2024/25	FY 2025/26
General Fund	\$0	\$1,003,000 See fiscal impact

### SUMMARY:

Amends the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act to prohibit split rates and to cover Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) duct cleaning and offsite custom fabrication.

### ANALYSIS:

House Bill 846 amends Act 442 of 1961, known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act. The bill adds HVAC duct cleaning and custom offsite fabrication to the definition of public works projects that are subject to the Prevailing Wage Act.

The bill also prohibits the practice of split rates in which workers are paid different rates at different times for the same project.

House Bill 846 would take effect in 60 days.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Labor and Industry estimates that enforcing the new provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act would require 10 new investigators (two per district) and two clerical assistants at a cost of \$1.003 million for FY2025/26. This amount is expected to grow to \$1.047 million in FY2026/27.

The legislation may also have more indirect costs. To the extent that the expansion of the Prevailing Wage Act leads to higher wage rates for those employed on public work projects, there could potentially be increased costs to both the commonwealth and other political subdivisions undertaking those projects. The potential indirect impacts are indeterminate.

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*Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.*