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By Senators King, Schoesler, Hewitt, and Holmquist Newbry

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1 AN ACT Relating to the prevailing rate of wages paid on public  
2 works; and amending RCW 39.12.020.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 39.12.020 and 2007 c 169 s 1 are each amended to read  
5 as follows:

6 (1) The hourly wages to be paid to laborers, workers, or mechanics,  
7 upon all public works and under all public building service maintenance  
8 contracts of the state or any county, municipality or political  
9 subdivision created by its laws, shall be not less than the prevailing  
10 rate of wage for an hour's work in the same trade or occupation in the  
11 locality within the state where such labor is performed. For a  
12 contract in excess of ten thousand dollars, a contractor required to  
13 pay the prevailing rate of wage shall post in a location readily  
14 visible to workers at the job site: PROVIDED, That on road  
15 construction, sewer line, pipeline, transmission line, street, or alley  
16 improvement projects for which no field office is needed or  
17 established, a contractor may post the prevailing rate of wage  
18 statement at the contractor's local office, gravel crushing, concrete,

1 or asphalt batch plant as long as the contractor provides a copy of the  
2 wage statement to any employee on request:

3 ~~((1))~~ (a) A copy of a statement of intent to pay prevailing wages  
4 approved by the industrial statistician of the department of labor and  
5 industries under RCW 39.12.040; and

6 ~~((2))~~ (b) The address and telephone number of the industrial  
7 statistician of the department of labor and industries where a  
8 complaint or inquiry concerning prevailing wages may be made.

9 (2) This chapter shall not apply to:

10 (a) Workers or other persons regularly employed by the state, or  
11 any county, municipality, or political subdivision created by its laws;  
12 or

13 (b) Workers employed in the manufacturing or furnishing of  
14 materials, articles, supplies, or equipment used in a public works  
15 project. However, (i) the work must be done at a facility that has  
16 been in continuous operation in the state of Washington for at least  
17 one year prior to the bid date of the public works project; and (ii)  
18 the facility must manufacture or furnish similar materials, articles,  
19 supplies, or equipment for use in projects that are not public works  
20 projects in the regular course of business.

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