

HB 1926 -- PREVAILING WAGES ON PUBLIC WORKS

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This bill excludes certain public works from the provisions of the state prevailing wage law. Specifically excluded from the prevailing wage law are projects in which an engineer's estimate for the total project cost is \$25,000 or less for all occupational titles. Such projects are also exempted from any law requiring the use of competitive bids.

The bill also allows employers to use apprentices and trainees participating in certain programs registered or certified by the federal government on public works projects. An employer may also use a limited number of entry-level employees who shall be paid at the rate of 50% of the prevailing wage law.

The bill also limits the parties who may file a complaint under Chapter 290, RSMo, and modifies the manner in which the prevailing wage for each occupational title is calculated based upon the reportable hours paid under a collective bargaining agreement.