

## HB 1493 -- Prevailing Hourly Wage Requirements

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This bill changes the laws regarding how the prevailing hourly wage rate requirement for a given occupational title is determined for a county.

If a county receives at least three wage reports from licensed contractors or subcontractors for an occupational title, the governing body of the county must submit to the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations one hourly wage rate that is the average hourly wage rate of all wage rates reported to the county for that occupational title. Currently, the county must submit all wage rate reports it receives, and the department sets the prevailing hourly wage rate for an occupational title by determining which hourly wage rate was paid for the most hours.

If a county does not receive at least three wage reports for an occupational title, the county's prevailing hourly wage rate will be the lesser of the lowest prevailing hourly wage rate in any adjoining county for that occupational title or the federal Davis-Bacon Act general wage determination for that title. Currently, the department must consider the applicable wage rates established by collective bargaining agreements, if any.

The department must prepare a report containing all the data received by each county and the applicable prevailing hourly wage rates.