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Dear Department of Labor and Industry, Employment Relations Division:

The Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC) received a letter from the Local Government Interim Committee (LGIC) requesting the Department of Labor and Industry (DLI) to research potential prevailing wage compliance software systems. The request is part of the LGIC's study of prevailing wage laws, [Senate Joint Resolution 13](#).

The LGIC believes implementing a prevailing wage compliance software system for general construction public works projects may aid the compliance process and capture valuable data for future policy study. The LGIC requested and received limited information on two available companies. However, the LGIC believes DLI will achieve better results in investigating solutions since the department has access to the information, specifications, and project details required to secure accurate price estimates and system components.

The EAIC has oversight authority of the Department of Labor and Industry. To aid the LGIC in its work, the Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC) instructs the department to:

1. determine the required functionality and scope of a prevailing wage compliance software system to meet the needs of the state to efficiently record, store, and analyze general construction project information;
2. actively search and receive bids from software system companies offering prevailing wage compliance programs that meet the needs identified; and
3. determine the costs of implementing a prevailing wage compliance software system.

Additionally, the EAIC asks that the department investigate the use of fee-based forms as used in Washington state to help fund a software system. Enclosed are copies of forms required of contractors working on public works projects in Washington that meet prevailing wage law requirements.

The EAIC asks that the department report to the LGIC before its final meeting on September 7, 2022.

Sincerely,

/s/

Senator Kenneth Bogner, Presiding Officer

Enclosed:

Memo of prevailing wage compliance software systems presented to the LGIC on May 17, 2022

Examples of Washington state fee-based forms: "Statement of Intent to Pay Prevailing Wages" and "Affidavit of Wages Paid."