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SJ13: CONTRACT THRESHOLDS IN OTHER STATES

BACKGROUND

During its September meeting, members of the Local Government Interim Committee requested information regarding prevailing wage laws in other states, particularly information related to contract threshold amounts.

24 STATES WITHOUT PREVAILING WAGE LAWS:

- Alabama – *repealed in 1980*
- Arizona – *invalidated by 1980 court decision, repealed in 1984*
- Arkansas – *repealed in 2017*
- Colorado – *repealed in 1985*
- Florida – *repealed in 1979*
- Georgia
- Idaho – *repealed in 1985*
- Indiana – *repealed in 2015*
- Iowa
- Kansas – *repealed in 1987*
- Kentucky – *repealed in 2017*
- Louisiana – *repealed in 1988*
- Michigan – *repealed in 2018*
- Mississippi
- New Hampshire – *repealed in 1985*
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Oklahoma – *invalidated by 1995 court decision*
- South Carolina
- South Dakota
- Utah – *repealed in 1981*
- Wisconsin – *repealed in 2017*
- Virginia
- West Virginia – *repealed in 2016*

7 STATES WITH PREVAILING WAGE LAWS BUT NO CONTRACT THRESHOLD:

- Illinois
- Massachusetts
- Nebraska
- New York
- Oregon[2]
- Washington[1]
- Texas

[1] Washington law does have a contract threshold of $25,000 only for state college/university construction.
[2] Oregon does not list a specific contract threshold but does specify that major renovations over $50,000 and any project that uses $750,000 of public funds are considered public works.

STATES WITH CONTRACT THRESHOLDS

State	Threshold Amount
California	$1,000[3]
Rhode Island	$1,000
Hawaii	$2,000
New Jersey	$16,263 for municipalities $2,000 for non-municipal public bodies
Alaska	$25,000
Minnesota	$25,000 where more than one trade is involved $2,500 where a single trade is involved
Montana	$25,000
Pennsylvania	$25,000
Maine	$50,000
Tennessee	$50,000, but only for highway construction. No prevailing wage on non-highway construction.
New Mexico	$60,000
Missouri	$75,000
Nevada	$100,000
Vermont	$100,000 or at least 50% funded by a capital construction act and costs more than $200,000.
Washington D.C.	$100,000
Wyoming	$100,000
Ohio[4]	$250,000 for new construction

[3] California. Labor Code Section 1771 provides a minimum threshold of over $1,000. Labor Code Section 1771.5 provides a higher threshold of over $25,000 for construction work or over $15,000 for alteration, demolition, repair or maintenance work under certain circumstances.

[4] Ohio has distinct thresholds - $78,258 for new construction and $23,447 for remodeling - for work that involves roads, streets, alleys, sewers, ditches, and other works connected to road or bridge construction. Also, the Ohio director of commerce must adjust all contract threshold amounts in accordance with a statutorily set formula every even-numbered year.

	$75,000 for remodeling School construction exempt
Delaware	$500,000 for new construction $45,000 for alteration, repair, demolition, reconstruction, etc.
Maryland	$500,000 and one of the following scenarios: 1. the contracting entity is the state, or 2. the contracting entity is a political subdivision and the state funds at least 50% of the project (school construction must be funded at least 25% by the state)
Connecticut	$1,000,000 for new construction $100,000 for remodeling

SOURCE

U.S. Department of Labor, Wage and Hour Division. (2021, January 1). *"Dollar Threshold Amount for Contract Coverage"*. Retrieved from https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/state/prevailing-wages