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Testimony regarding Senate Bill 305

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Dear Senate Work Force Committee,

Prevailing wage laws provide a public benefit, yet are burdensome and costly for a public entity to manage. There is general consensus that small projects should be exempt from this requirement. A difficulty with our current Prevailing Wage law is that the threshold does not automatically increase, despite huge inflation occurring in the construction industry. This causes an increasing number of small projects to trigger Prevailing Wage requirements. Senate Bill 305 seeks to remedy this by allowing for a small increase in the threshold followed by annual adjustments based on inflation.

Senate Bill 305 is worthy of support in the 2019 Legislative session.

Respectfully,

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