

Submitter: Haley Alves

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Business and Labor

Measure: HB2057

For the record, my name is Haley Alves and I encourage you to support this bill. Workers, the most powerless and lowest folks in the pecking order of a job that includes owners, general contractors, and sub contractors, are left with very little options when they aren't paid. Often, these workers are terrified to speak out. When workers aren't paid, taxes aren't paid either, and all of us suffer. When parents can't feed their children, all of society suffers. When people cannot afford to pay rent because they haven't been paid, government aid is the best option and who pays for that? Other working people. General contractors can say that they don't know that this is happening, but I would argue that they already do and choose to turn a blind eye to avoid taking on any liability. Please do not let this continue for one more day. If they truly are not aware and are harmed financially by a cheating sub, they will learn very quickly what subs to hire and what ones to not. Word will travel very quickly when they are hit where it hurts - their money. Please help. This has gone on for way too long and we have a chance to stand up and make a real change. Thank you.