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To: Capital Construction Subcommittee

From: Ben Ruef, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: June 16, 2025

Subject: HB 2688 – Relating to the application of a prevailing rate of wage to off-site custom work for use in public works
Work Session Recommendations

House Bill 2688 expands the definition of public works for prevailing wage purposes to include certain types of off-site work that are fabricated, preconstructed, assembled, or constructed according to specifications for use in public works or that become part of public works. Covered systems include mechanical, plumbing, electrical, boiler, ironwork, masonry, roofing, and mechanical insulation systems.

The bill directs the Bureau of Labor and Industries (BOLI) to adopt rules to clarify exclusions and reporting requirements and allows state agencies to begin rulemaking prior to the operative date. The expanded requirements apply to contracts entered into on or after July 1, 2026.

The fiscal impact of the bill is \$268,664 General Fund and two positions (1.00 FTE) for BOLI to address increased training needs, respond to employer inquiries through the prevailing wage hotline, and investigate a higher volume of determinations and complaints.

Amendment

The -A8 amendment adds \$268,664 General Fund to BOLI's 2025-27 budget.

LFO recommends adoption of the -A8 amendment.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A8 amendment to HB 2688. (vote)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 2688, as amended by the –A8 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move HB 2688, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. *(vote)*

Carriers

Full Committee:

House Floor:

Senate Floor: