

A-Engrossed House Bill 3216

Ordered by the House March 10
Including House Amendments dated March 10

Sponsored by Representative SMITH G (Pre-session filed.)

SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure. The statement includes a measure digest written in compliance with applicable readability standards.

Digest: Tells a state agency to study how to make a system to report data on payments of wage levels needed for state projects. (Flesch Readability Score: 62.1).

[Digest: Tells people who must pay a certain wage to workers who do construction on public works to send to a state agency reports about what they pay the workers. Says that the reports must be done online at a particular website. Tells the state agency to create the website and make it ready for use by the beginning of 2027. (Flesch Readability Score: 63.8).]

[Requires contractors and subcontractors that must report compliance with the prevailing wage laws to submit certified statements and reports showing compliance to the Bureau of Labor and Industries by means of a centralized system and electronic portal. Directs the bureau to develop and implement an appropriate electronic portal. Lists specifications for and required elements of the electronic portal.]

[Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.]

Directs the Bureau of Labor and Industries to study the feasibility of developing a centralized system for reporting compliance with prevailing wage payment requirements. Specifies what the study should consider and requires the bureau to report the results of the study to an interim committee of the Legislative Assembly related to public procurement not later than September 1, 2026.

Declares an emergency, effective on passage.

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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2 Relating to a system for submitting certified statements required for reporting compliance with the
3 prevailing wage laws; and declaring an emergency.

4 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

5 **SECTION 1. (1) The Bureau of Labor and Industries shall study the feasibility of devel-**
6 **oping a centralized system for contractors to submit and the bureau to receive certified**
7 **statements required under ORS 279C.845. In conducting the study, the bureau shall:**

8 (a) **Evaluate the feasibility of developing a system that:**

9 (A) **Allows contractors to submit certified statements directly to the bureau rather than**
10 **to the public agency with which the contractor has a contract for public works;**

11 (B) **Is entirely online, with capability to submit certified statements by means of a mobile**
12 **device or a web-based portal; and**

13 (C) **Allows public agencies inside and outside this state to retrieve or have access to**
14 **certified statements for lawful purposes.**

15 (b) **Review online and electronic systems that other states use for the same or a similar**
16 **function and, where useful, consult with officials in other states to determine how the other**
17 **systems implement such features as submission, storage and retrieval of information, ease**
18 **of use and facilitation of oversight over compliance with the requirement to pay a prevailing**
19 **rate of wage.**

NOTE: Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 (c) Determine how to ensure that confidential information that contractors submit, or
2 that is stored on or is retrievable from the system, remains confidential.

3 (d) Estimate the cost of developing, implementing and maintaining the system and iden-
4 tify a feasible source of funding for that purpose.

5 (e) Evaluate the security features necessary for the system to implement secure sub-
6 mission, storage and retrieval of information.

7 (f) Consult with public agencies, contractors and other persons who participate in the
8 reporting system required under ORS 279C.845 to identify features, obstacles, challenges and
9 benefits of a new centralized, online reporting system.

10 (2) The bureau shall submit to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly re-
11 lated to public procurement a report detailing the results of the bureau's study, along with
12 recommendations for any legislation necessary to implement the system described in sub-
13 section (1) of this section. The bureau shall submit the report by December 31, 2025, unless
14 the study requires additional time, in which case the bureau shall submit by that date a re-
15 port that describes progress on the study. The bureau shall submit a final report and rec-
16 ommendation not later than September 1, 2026.

17 (3) If necessary, the bureau may contract with another person under ORS 279B.075,
18 279B.080 or 279B.085, as appropriate, to conduct or assist in conducting the study described
19 in subsection (1) of this section. This subsection is authority for the bureau to determine
20 that conducting a sole-source, emergency or special procurement, as appropriate, is in the
21 public interest.

22 **SECTION 2.** Section 1 of this 2025 Act is repealed on January 2, 2027.

23 **SECTION 3.** This 2025 Act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public
24 peace, health and safety, an emergency is declared to exist, and this 2025 Act takes effect
25 on its passage.