



ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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Hello my name is Zebulon Woodman I have lived in Alaska all my life and many of the schools in our area are some of the largest and most complex buildings in our area by modifying the prevailing wage for school districts will invite low ball , low quality construction. With the pay set for workers gives a level playing field to all bidding contractors insuring a quality wage, not a race to the bottom by contractors who are willing pay workers less.

All of the testimony in favor of this bill was to take dollars away from the worker so the municipality could get more work for less money. No one suggested taking a dime from the contractor or limiting the rental rates on equipment or limit the profit on the sale of the materials. There was also a lot of testimony on how the paper work for the Dept. of Labor was too much work for the contractor to do so if we take money out of the workers pocket it will make life better for the contractor what about a better life for working families.

Raising the threshold will not necessarily reduce the cost of bids. Rather, contractors will pocket more money, while workers will be paid less.

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