

TO: The Honorable Members of the PA House of Representatives

FROM: Alex Halper, Senior Vice President, Government Affairs

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RE: **PA Chamber memo: Oppose HB 846 - Prevailing Wage expansion increasing costs on taxpayers**

On behalf of the PA Chamber, I urge you to oppose H.B. 846, which may be considered by the House. This bill includes a substantial expansion and costly changes to the PA Prevailing Wage Act.

The PA Prevailing Wage Act requires state-determined wages be paid to employees on public construction projects and can often complicate project execution and increase costs. H.B. 846 proposes a significant expansion by applying the law to fabrication work that occurs separate from the worksite.

We have concerns from both a taxpayer perspective, as significant cost increases on school districts and local governments can lead to property tax hikes; and on behalf of custom fabrication companies, who have expressed concerns that this legislation would drive work to out-of-state competitors and negatively impact their workplace.

The bill would also prohibit the practice of paying “split rates” which employers utilize to promote efficiency on a worksite. Eliminating this option will no doubt increase project costs though we are not aware of any analysis conducted to understand the impact on taxpayers.

We urge you to oppose this bill. Please contact Alex Halper at ahalper@pachamber.org or 717-645-8730 with questions or to discuss.

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