

Prevailing Wage Studies

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Note: NCSL has no policy position on the issue of prevailing wage. The list of resources below includes studies from a variety of sources and perspectives, including legislative research offices, universities, labor and trade groups, businesses and interest groups. The listing of the studies below does not constitute an endorsement of the research or its conclusions.

The Adverse Economic Impact from Repeal of the Prevailing Wage Law in Missouri (2004)

http://buffalotrades.com/wp-content/uploads/MISSOURI_PREVAILING_RATE.pdf

The Adverse Economic Impact from Repeal of the Prevailing Wage Law in Missouri (2011)

<http://cas.umkc.edu/economics/resources/prevailingwagestudy.pdf>

How to Win Bids & Stay Compliant in Today's Competitive

Environmenthttp://www.contractorsplan.com/downloads_news/news/DECO_REPRINT_FRINGE_BENEFIT.pdf

An Analysis of Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Requirements: Evidence from Highway Resurfacing Projects in Colorado.

http://constructionacademy.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2012/09/Davis-Bacon_CO-highway-june11.pdf

The Benefits of State Prevailing Wage Laws

http://keystoneresearch.org/sites/keystoneresearch.org/files/KRC-PA-Prevailing-Wage-Oct-2011_FINAL.pdf

Study Finds West Virginia State Prevailing Wage Law Inflates Construction Wages and Eliminates as many as 1,500 Construction Jobs

<http://www.abc.org/EducationTraining/AcademyPages/tabid/340/entryid/417/-Study-Finds-West-Virginia-State-Prevailing-Wage-Law-Inflates-Construction-Wages-and-Eliminates-as-many-as-1-500-Construction-Jobs.aspx>

How to profit on prevailing wage jobs

<http://www.bxmagazine.com/articlePrint.asp?ID=536>

Prevailing Wage Laws: Public Interest or Special Interest Legislation?

<http://www.cato.org/sites/cato.org/files/serials/files/cato-journal/2010/1/cj30n1-7.pdf>

Prevailing Wage In New York State: The Impact On Project Cost And Competitiveness

http://www.cgr.org/reports/08_R-1532_PrevailingWage.pdf

Kentucky's Prevailing Wage Law: Its History, Purpose and Effect

http://www.faircontracting.org/PDFs/prevailing_wages/kentucky_prevailing_wage.pdf

The Economic Development Benefits of Prevailing Wage

<http://www.fiscalpolicy.org/FPI%20Prevailing%20Wage%20Brief%20May%2006.pdf>

A Law Called Davis-Bacon...It Builds Our Middle Class

http://www.liuna.org/Portals/0/docs/Davis%20Bacon_Issue_Brief.pdf

An Analysis of Kentucky's Prevailing Wage Law and Procedures

<http://www.lrc.ky.gov/lrcpubs/RR304.pdf>

The Effects of the Exemption of School Construction Projects from Ohio's Prevailing Wage Law

<http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/research/srr149.pdf>

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Why Keep Michigan's Prevailing Wage?

<http://www.prevailingwage.org/whyPM.html>

Ohio Prevailing Wage Exemption For School Construction

<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2006/rpt/2006-R-0545.htm>

Prevailing Wages And Government Contracting Costs: A Review Of The Research

<http://www.epi.org/publication/bp215/>

Prevailing-Wage Rules Cost Taxpayers \$8.6 Billion Annually: Study

<http://news.heartland.org/newspaper-article/2008/06/01/prevailing-wage-rules-cost-taxpayers-86-billion-annually-study>

Prevailing Wage Research: Chronological List Of Documents By Author

<http://www.prevailingwage.org/ResearchSummaries.htm>

State Building and Construction Trades Council of California: Prevailing Wage Studies

<http://www.sbctc.org/doc.asp?id=195>

Sheet Metal and Air Contractors National Association – Prevailing Wage Resources

<http://www.smacna.org/legislative/index.cfm?fuseaction=studies>

The Washington State Prevailing Wage Loophole

http://www.steeladvice.com/steel_advice_061.htm

California Construction Academy: Updated Research on Prevailing Wage

<http://constructionacademy.org/updated-research-on-prevailing-wage/>

Washington Building and Construction Trades: Prevailing Wage Studies and Resources

http://www.wabuildingtrades.org/?zone=/unionactive/view_page.cfm&page=Prevailing20Wage20Studies

Prevailing Wage Laws, Unions and Minority Employment in Construction: A Historical and Empirical Analysis

<https://www.msu.edu/~drdale/Publications/Construction%20&%20PLAs/Prevailing%20Wage%20Laws,%20Unions%20and%20Minority%20Employment%20in%20Construction.pdf>

Economic, Fiscal And Social Impacts Of Prevailing Wage In San Jose, California

http://wpusa.org/5-13-11%20prevailing_wage_brief.pdf

Prevailing Wage Laws in Construction: The Costs of Repeal to Wisconsin

http://www.faircontracting.org/PDFs/prevailing_wages/PrevailingWage%20Laws%20in%20Construction_%20Cost%20of%20Repeal%20to%20Wisconsin.pdf

Removing Barriers to Opportunity: A Constitutional Challenge to The Davis-Bacon Act

<http://www.ij.org/davis-bacon-act-background>

Prevailing Wage Laws: Greed Disguised as Public Policy

<http://capitalresearch.org/pubs/pdf/v1293127427.pdf>