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PA HOUSE BILL 2018

Prevailing Wage for Clean Energy Projects

From: Representative Pam Snyder

To: All House members

Subject: Prevailing Wage for Clean Energy Projects

As Pennsylvania's energy policy of the future begins to take shape, it is imperative that we ensure a place for our existing workforce.

In the coming months and years, Pennsylvania will see an increase in energy-related projects that reduce fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, such as electric vehicle infrastructure, weatherization, and renewable natural gas projects. There is no doubt that the way we do business in the Commonwealth will change, but with change comes great opportunity and responsibility. We have an opportunity to utilize energy-related projects to create jobs and a responsibility to support our existing, local workforce while doing so.

To that end, I am introducing legislation to require a prevailing wage be paid by businesses receiving a Federal or State tax credit for renewable energy projects. For more than 150 years, Pennsylvania has been a global leader in energy. For that to continue, we must make sure that hard working Pennsylvanians have high quality, family-sustaining jobs waiting for them in the renewable and clean energy sector. It's our job to make that happen, and my legislation will do just that.

Please join me in supporting Pennsylvania's skilled workforce.

TELL YOUR REP TO SUPPORT THIS ALL BILLS REQUIRING PREVAILING WAGE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL No. 2018 Session of 2021

INTRODUCED BY SNYDER, SCHLOSSBERG, D. WILLIAMS, SANCHEZ, GUENST, PISCIOTTANO, KULIK, CIRESI, MERSKI, DELLOSO, McNEILL, T. DAVIS, O'MARA, KAIL, A. DAVIS, NEILSON AND DEASY, OCTOBER 27, 2021

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON LABOR AND INDUSTRY, OCTOBER 27, 2021

AN ACT

Providing for minimum wages for employee benefits for workers on projects related to renewable energy.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Wages for Renewable Energy Act.

Section 2. Definitions.

The following words and phrases when used in this act shall have the meanings given to them in this section unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Eligible project." Either of the following:

(1) A project that produces renewable energy and is financed, funded or paid for, in whole or in part, with the funds of a public body. The term "funds of a public body," for the purposes of this statute, shall include, but not be limited to, Federal, State or local tax credits, tax

abatements, grants, loans, government agency stimulus funding or public bond proceeds, regardless of whether the beneficiary or ultimate recipient is required to pay or pay back the funds to retire or partially retire any debt.

(2) Energy transformation project.

"Energy transformation project." A project that provides energy-related goods and services other than electricity generation and results in a reduction of fossil fuel consumption and greenhouse gas emissions, including, but not limited to, electric vehicle infrastructure, weatherization and renewable natural gas projects.

"Renewable energy." As provided under section 2 of the act of November 29, 2004 (P.L.1376, No.178), known as the Alternative Fuels Incentive Act.

"Workman." As defined under section 2(7) of the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act.

Section 3. Required wages and employee benefits.

Not less than the prevailing minimum wages and employee benefits as would be applicable to a project of public work pursuant to the act of August 15, 1961 (P.L.987, No.442), known as the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act, shall be paid to each workman employed on an eligible project.

Section 4. Applicability.

The minimum requirements of section 3 shall apply to the minimum wages and employee benefits due and payable to and on behalf of any worker, in every trade or craft, employed by a contractor, of any tier, performing services on an eligible project after the effective date of this act.

Section 5. Effective date.

This act shall take effect immediately.