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SENATOR MARKLEIN STATEMENT ON PREVAILING WAGE

MADISON— State Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) released the following statement today on the public hearing and executive session scheduled for full repeal of the prevailing wage law:

“I continue to believe that we can reform and improve the prevailing wage law. We have heard from contractors and other businesses that the law is too complex and requires reform. I have been working with stakeholder groups for the past few months learning about the complexities of the law and how we can make changes that will simplify, clarify, and reform prevailing wage. I am committed to continue working with all stakeholders on finding a compromise on this issue.

I have several concerns with a full repeal of prevailing wage, among them the adverse impact this would have on our construction industry and the projected cost savings. We have seen conflicting studies on the savings full repeal would produce for taxpayers. The Legislative Fiscal Bureau, along with multiple state agencies, have expressed that a fiscal impact on savings to the state and local units of government would be indeterminate at this time.

In the past few months, I have heard from constituents across the 17th senate district on all sides of the prevailing wage issue. After considering this input, I am not in support of a full repeal of the prevailing wage law. As a member of the Senate Committee on Labor and Government Reform, I will cast my vote in opposition of Senate Bill 49 as it is written.”

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