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Repealing Prevailing Wage Law Crucial to Fiscal Health of State and Local Government

(Madison, WI) – The Assembly Committee on Labor heard public testimony today before passing Assembly Bill 32, which calls for the repeal of Wisconsin’s prevailing wage law.

State Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Wauwatosa) released the following statement:

“The potential savings that would be achieved by repealing Wisconsin’s prevailing wage laws are staggering. A study by the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance estimates that state and local governments could have saved as much as \$299 million in 2014. When you consider the possible savings from eliminating prevailing wage, it is important to remember that those savings could be redeployed in a multitude of ways, ranging from additional projects to tax relief depending on the local circumstances.

“The supporters of our current law believe they are entitled to their artificially inflated salaries and profits; this is a view that frankly is not shared by my constituents. When you consider the financial impact of Wisconsin’s prevailing wage laws, it is difficult to rationalize how preserving these antiquated laws could possibly be a priority in the context of the local and state budget. That reason alone ought to be enough to ensure that this legislature moves to repeal Wisconsin’s prevailing wage laws. This bill provides a clear path to providing taxpayers, municipalities and school districts in Wisconsin further relief.”

Both AB 32 and SB 49 will be available for a floor vote in each house. Governor Walker’s staff has confirmed he will sign a full repeal of the prevailing wage laws.

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