

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1958

Introduced by Assembly Member Grove
(Coauthor: Senator Berryhill)

February 23, 2012

An act to amend Section 1771 of the Labor Code, relating to public contracts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1958, as introduced, Grove. Public contracts: public works: prevailing wages.

Existing law requires the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, as provided, to be paid to all workers employed on public works projects that exceed \$1,000.

This bill would increase the cost threshold to \$2,000 and would require that cost threshold to be adjusted annually for inflation as provided by a specified California Consumer Price Index.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1771 of the Labor Code is amended to
2 read:
3 1771. (a) (1) Except for public works projects of ~~one~~ two
4 thousand dollars ~~(\$1,000)~~ (\$2,000) or less, not less than the general
5 prevailing rate of per diem wages for work of a similar character
6 in the locality in which the public work is performed, and not less
7 than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages for holiday and

1 overtime work fixed as provided in this chapter, shall be paid to
2 all workers employed on public works. ~~The~~

3 (2) *The Department of Industrial Relations shall adjust the cost*
4 *threshold set forth in paragraph (1) on October 1 of each year to*
5 *be effective on January 1 of the following year by an amount equal*
6 *to the percentage change in the California Consumer Price Index*
7 *for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers.*

8 (b) This section is applicable only to work performed under
9 contract, and is not applicable to work carried out by a public
10 agency with its own forces. This section is applicable to contracts
11 let for maintenance work.