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Senate Bill 1173 (as reported without amendment)

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Local Government Labor Regulatory Limitation Act to do the following:

- -- Allow a local government to implement an ordinance, policy, or resolution requiring an employer to pay an employee a wage higher than the State's minimum wage if the ordinance, policy, or resolution were adopted after the bill's effective date and required an employer to pay a higher wage as a prevailing wage.
- -- Allow a local government to implement an ordinance, policy, or resolution limiting the hours and scheduling of an employee who worked on a project to which a project labor agreement applied.
- -- Repeal Sections 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12 of the Act, which respectively prohibit a local government from implementing an ordinance, policy, or resolution that requires the payment of prevailing wage; regulates work stoppages and strikes; requires educational apprenticeship programs; requires employers to pay specific fringe benefits; and creates remedies for wage, hour, or benefit disputes.

MCL 123.1385 et al.

BRIEF RATIONALE

Public Act (PA) 105 of 2015 enacted the Local Government Labor Regulatory Limitation Act, which effectively enacted a State preemption of local laws for employee wages and benefits; however, some believe that local governments should be able to debate issues of employee wages and benefits and decide what is best for their communities because local governments have a vested interest in keeping money within their communities. For these reasons, repealing specific preemptions in PA 105 has been suggested.

Legislative Analyst: Alex Krabill

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no direct fiscal impact on the State or local government units. It could have a potential impact on local government units as it would allow local governments, in some cases, to be exempt from a ban on requiring higher wages than the State minimum hourly wage rate. In those cases where a local government unit could impose a higher wage on employers, contractors, and subcontractors, there could be an increase to costs to those local government units.

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