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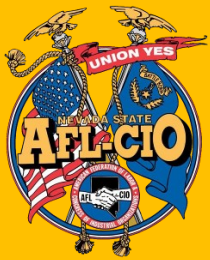
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Week in Review

Last week, SB 119, which would eliminate prevailing wage on school construction projects, passed out of the Senate along party lines. Democrats stood with working families by passionately debating the need for prevailing wage. We are grateful to have these Senators by our side.

On Saturday, hundreds of workers volunteered their time to knock on doors in targeted districts to talk about SB 119 and the importance of prevailing wage. Hundreds of petition cards were collected which will be delivered to legislators this week. Together we showed legislators that we're paying attention, and we will stand up and fight this legislative session.

Message from Danny

"Thank you for your incredible commitment to protecting prevailing wage. This weekend, hundreds of workers volunteered to knock on doors and talk to voters about the importance of prevailing wage to the state economy. YOU made a tremendous impact."



This Week

Yesterday **SB 153** was heard in committee. This bill would strip heart, lung, and other benefits from our public safety employees as soon as they retire. We believe public safety employees deserve better than this bill after years of exposing themselves to unknown chemicals, danger, stress, and more. There was strong opposition to the bill from police, firefighters, and labor unions who filled two overflow rooms.

AB 109 was also heard yesterday in committee. This bill would require public employee unions to submit detailed annual reports concerning the financials of the organization to the state, which would then be available to the public. We believe these documents should only be available to union members, like any other member organization. There was strong opposition to this bill from many labor organizations.

Coming up:

AB 3 will have a workshop in Assembly Government Affairs Committee on Wednesday at 8:30am. This bill would expand the PERS board and require that three board members be included who have never been members of PERS.

SB 119, which would eliminate prevailing wage on school construction projects, will be heard in the Assembly Government Affairs Committee on Thursday at 8:00am. **Please come to this hearing and make your voice heard!**

SB 158 will be heard in Senate Government Affairs on Friday at 1:00pm. This bill requires collective bargaining agreements be made available at least ten days prior to the local government's approval of the agreement.

SB 168 will be heard in Senate Government Affairs on Friday at 1:00pm. This bill authorizes a local government to reopen a collective bargaining agreement during a fiscal emergency and sets forth the circumstances under which the emergency is deemed to exist. The bill leaves it up to local governments without using economic indicators.

Upcoming actions:

Canvass to Protect Prevailing Wage: Join us on Saturday, Feb. 28th from 9:00am to 1:00pm in Las Vegas and Carson City as we continue to talk to voters about the importance of prevailing wage to our economy. Stay tuned for details.

Labor Luncheon: Stay up to date on all of the bills important to working people in Nevada. Come to our labor luncheon today and every Tuesday at 11:30am at our Henderson and Carson City headquarters.

Call 866-834-6910: Continue to call legislators and tell them to VOTE NO on SB 119

Social media

Tweets to send out:

Let's contact politicians who could hurt small businesses by eliminating prevailing wage. Call today! 866-834-6910 #1u #nvleg

Prevailing wage ensures that jobs go to local workers whose families shop in local businesses, strengthening local economies #nvleg #1u

Small, local businesses will suffer if prevailing wage laws are removed. #SB119 #nvleg

#PERS fund is one of the healthiest in the country because it is well managed. #nvleg #AB3

#PERS has led the nation in pension stability due to years of conservative investing governed by an accountable public board #nvleg #AB3

After years of service and exposure to danger, our public safety workers deserve better than #SB153. #nvleg

My union's financials should stay between me & my #union. No other private organization must open its books to politicians. #AB109 #nvleg