

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

HB1523

Bill as
Introduced

HB 1523 - AS INTRODUCED

2016 SESSION

16-2691
05/04

HOUSE BILL **1523**

AN ACT relative to government construction contracts.

SPONSORS: Rep. Abramson, Rock. 20; Rep. L. Turcotte, Straf. 4; Rep. Spillane, Rock. 2; Rep. Hoell, Merr. 23; Rep. Aldrich, Belk. 2; Rep. Eastman, Hills. 28; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17

COMMITTEE: Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

ANALYSIS

This bill provides that project labor agreements shall not be included in government construction contracts.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in **bold italics**.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen .

AN ACT relative to government construction contracts.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 Findings. The general court finds that open competition in governmental construction
2 contracts is necessary to promote and ensure fair competition in the award and execution of such
3 contracts. Therefore, to prevent discrimination against governmental bidders, offerors, contractors,
4 or subcontractors based upon labor affiliation or the lack thereof, the general court declares that
5 neither the state nor municipalities should include project labor agreements as part of the
6 competitive bid process or the award of government construction contracts.

7 2 New Chapter; Government Construction Contracts. Amend RSA by inserting after chapter
8 280 the following new chapter:

9 CHAPTER 280-A

10 GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

11 280-A:1 Definitions. In this chapter:

12 I. "Construction" means the act, trade, or process of building, erecting, constructing,
13 adding, repairing, remodeling, rehabilitating, reconstructing, altering, converting, improving,
14 expanding, or demolishing of a building, structure, facility, road, or highway, and includes the
15 planning, designing, and financing of a specific construction project.

16 II. "Governmental entity" means the state, a political subdivision, or any agency or
17 spending unit thereof.

18 III. "Project labor agreement" means any pre-hire collective bargaining agreement with one
19 or more labor organizations that establishes the terms and conditions of employment for a specific
20 construction project.

21 280-A:2 Certain Labor Requirements Not To Be Imposed on Contractor Or Subcontractor.

22 I. Commencing July 1, 2017, no governmental entity or a construction manager acting on
23 behalf of a governmental entity, seeking a construction bid solicitation, awarding a construction
24 contract or obligating funds to a construction contract, shall include the following in the bid
25 specifications, bid requests, project agreements, or any other controlling documents for the
26 construction project:

27 (a) A requirement or prohibition that a bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor
28 must enter into or adhere to a project labor agreement;

29 (b) A term, clause, or statement that infers, either directly or indirectly, that a bidder,
30 offeror, contractor, or subcontractor must enter into or adhere to a project labor agreement;

31 (c) A term, clause, or statement that rewards or punishes a bidder, offeror, contractor,

1 or subcontractor for becoming or remaining, or refusing to become or remain a signatory to, or for
2 adhering or refusing to adhere to, a project labor agreement; or

3 (d) Any other provision dealing with project labor agreements.

4 II. This section shall not:

5 (a) Prohibit a governmental entity from awarding a contract to a bidder, contractor, or
6 subcontractor who enters into or who is party to an agreement with a labor organization, if being or
7 becoming a party or adhering to an agreement with a labor organization is not a condition for award
8 of the contract and if the governmental entity does not discriminate against a bidder, contractor, or
9 subcontractor in the awarding of that contract based upon the status as being or becoming, or the
10 willingness or refusal to become, a party to an agreement with a labor organization.

11 (b) Prohibit a bidder, contractor, or subcontractor from voluntarily entering into or
12 complying with an agreement entered into with one or more labor organizations in regard to a
13 contract with a governmental entity.

14 (c) Prohibit employers or other parties from entering into agreements or engaging in
15 any other activity protected by the National Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. sections 151 to 169.

16 (d) Interfere with labor relations of parties that are left unregulated under the National
17 Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C sections 151 to 169.

18 (e) Prohibit a governmental agency from including other wage and benefit requirements
19 as part of the bid specifications, project agreement, or other controlling documents for the
20 construction project.

21 280-A:3 Exemptions. The head of a governmental entity may exempt a particular project,
22 contract, or subcontract from the requirements of any or all of the provisions of RSA 280-A:2 if the
23 governmental unit finds, after public notice and a hearing, that special circumstances require an
24 exemption to avert an imminent threat to public health or safety. A finding of special
25 circumstances under this section may not be based on the possibility or presence of a labor dispute
26 concerning the use of contractors or subcontractors who are nonsignatories to, or otherwise do not
27 adhere to, agreements with one or more labor organizations or concerning employees on the project
28 who are not members of or affiliated with a labor organization.

29 3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2017.

Amendments



Amendment to HB 1523

Not Adp

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

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3 AN ACT relative to state construction contracts.

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5 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:

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8 necessary to promote and ensure fair competition in the award and execution of such contracts.
9 Therefore, to prevent discrimination against state bidders, offerors, contractors, or subcontractors
10 based upon labor affiliation or the lack thereof, the general court declares that project labor
11 agreements should not be included as part of the competitive bid process or the award of large state
12 construction contracts.

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20 expanding, or demolishing of a building, structure, facility, road, or highway, and includes the
21 planning, designing, and financing of a specific construction project.

22 II. "Agency" means any department, commission, board, institution, bureau, office, or other
23 entity, by whatever name called, established in the state constitution, statutes, session laws or
24 executive orders.

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26 or more labor organizations that establishes the terms and conditions of employment for a specific
27 construction project.

28 280-A:2 Certain Labor Requirements Not To Be Imposed on Contractor Or Subcontractor.

29 I. Commencing July 1, 2017, no agency or construction manager acting on behalf of an
30 agency, seeking a construction bid solicitation, awarding a construction contract, or obligating funds
31 to a construction contract over \$25,000,000, shall include the following in the bid specifications, bid
32 requests, project agreements, or any other controlling documents for the construction project:



1 (a) A requirement or prohibition that a bidder, offeror, contractor, or subcontractor
2 must enter into or adhere to a project labor agreement;

3 (b) A term, clause, or statement that infers, either directly or indirectly, that a bidder,
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20 any other activity protected by the National Labor Relations Act, 29 U.S.C. sections 151 to 169.

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24 the bid specifications, project agreement, or other controlling documents for the construction
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2016-0684h

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill provides that project labor agreements shall not be included in state agency construction contracts over \$25,000,000.

Speakers

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1523

BILL TITLE: relative to government construction contracts.

DATE: February 11, 2016

LOB ROOM: 307 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 1:50 p.m.

Time Adjourned: 2:15 p.m.

Committee Members: Reps. Infantine, Pellegrino, Hill, L. Turcotte, Ley, White, Converse, Cahill, DiSilvestro, Schuett and Seaworth

Bill Sponsors:

Rep. Abramson

Rep. L. Turcotte

Rep. Spillane

Rep. Hoell

Rep. Aldrich

Rep. Eastman

Sen. Reagan

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. Len Turcotte - Co-Sponsor - Introduced. Not speaking.

Huck Montgomery - NH Building Trades - Oppose. Bill would ban project labor agreements. Also called community workforce agreements. These agreements are spelled out in advance of hiring to tailor to the needs of the customer. These are not mandatory. No one is aware of project labor agreements issued by the State or by Municipalities. This bill would infringe on local control.

Q: Could this, for example, require that labor live within a local area? A: Yes.

Q: Is there a federal limit on Project Labor Agreements? \$X and above? A: Not that I'm aware of any limits.

Mark Holden - Associated Builders and Contractors - Support. Supports open competition on government contracts. All qualified contractors can bid. The way it should work is that agreements should be made subsequent to award of the contracts. Regarding Federal level, Bush administration prohibited PLAs. Obama administration requires them on contracts bigger than \$25 million. The previous speaker was correct that the State and Municipal level, there have not been awards. The reason for this legislation is for the future - it may avoid years of litigation challenging the validity of agreements. One need of the customer is to make sure that the taxpayer dollars are spent as efficiently as possible. These agreements limit bidders on contracts.

Q: Would prohibiting PLAs prevent the use of union labor? A: No.

Q: Why is it different than other contract requirements? A: When a project labor requirement is on the project, the details may not be known until after the contract is awarded. Perhaps this means using employees from the union hall rather than your own employees.

Rep. Max Abramson - Sponsor. The language is drawn from model legislation. It was intended to be neutral on the prevailing wage issue. Almost all experts agree that PLAs increase the cost of Public Works projects. 5%-29% Rising costs may mean the difference in getting a municipal project funded because of the 2/3rds requirement on bonding warrant articles. A very large project might draw more labor from a neighboring state where union membership is higher. With prevailing wage having not passed, it may be necessary to amend the bill to account for this.

Q: Pg 1, Line 16. The definition of government entity? Is this your wording, or was this legislative services wording? A: Leg. Services.

Q: Is this an ALEC bill? A: I don't think so.

Q: What about PLAs that specify hiring local? A: I would prefer, if the intent is to specify higher quality workers, to use a prevailing wage requirement.

Q: Have there been PLAs in the past? A: By my research, I don't see any PLAs used although they have been discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Brian Seaworth
Clerk

HB 1523 relative to government construction contracts.

Open: 1:50 PM

Close: 2:15 PM

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Rep. Aldrich Rep. Eastman Sen. Reagan

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Sub-Committee Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION on HB 1523

BILL TITLE: relative to government construction contracts.

DATE: October 12, 2016

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Infantine, Simmons, Rideout, Hill, Avellani, Prudhomme-O'Brien, Ley, C. Rice, Cahill and DiSilvestro

Comments and Recommendations:

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. William Infantine
Subcommittee Chairman

SUBCOMMITTEE WORK SESSION on HB 1523

BILL TITLE: relative to government construction contracts.

DATE: October 12, 2016

Subcommittee Members: Reps. Infantine, Flanagan, Simmons, Pellegrino, Murphy, Rideout, Hill, Avellani, Doucette, Prudhomme-O'Brien, L. Turcotte, Ley, White, C. Rice, Converse, Cahill, DiSilvestro, O'Neil; Schuett and Seaworth

Comments and Recommendations:

MOTIONS: Recommend Not Recommend

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ AM Vote: _____

Adoption of Amendment # _____

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

_____ Amendment Adopted _____ Amendment Failed

MOTIONS: Recommend Not Recommend

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ AM Vote: _____

Adoption of Amendment # _____

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

_____ Amendment Adopted _____ Amendment Failed

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. _____
Subcommittee Chairman/Clerk

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1523

BILL TITLE: relative to government construction contracts.

DATE: March 1, 2016

LOB ROOM: 307

MOTIONS: REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

Moved by Rep. Flanagan

Seconded by Rep. Hill

Vote: 19-1

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Brian Seaworth, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1523

BILL TITLE: relative to government construction contracts.

DATE: ~~2/18/16~~ 3/1/16

LOB ROOM: 307

MOTIONS: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (1st Yr) Interim Study (2nd Yr)
(Please circle one)

Moved by Rep. FLANAGAN Seconded by Rep. HILL AM Vote: _____

Adoption of Amendment # _____

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: 19-1

_____ Amendment Adopted _____ Amendment Failed

MOTIONS: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Retained (1st Yr), Interim Study (2nd Yr)
(Please circle one)

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ AM Vote: _____

Adoption of Amendment # _____

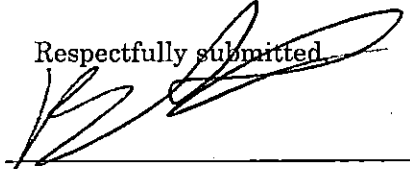
Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

_____ Amendment Adopted _____ Amendment Failed

CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO
(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted

Rep.  _____
Committee Clerk



2016 SESSION

LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

Bill #: HB 1523 Title: REC TO GOV.

PH Date: 2 / 11 / 16 Exec Session Date: 3 / 1 / 16

Motion: LWT STUDY Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Infantine, William J., Chairman	19	
Flanagan, Jack B., V Chairman	1	
Simmons, Tammy A.,	2	
Pellegrino, Anthony J.	3	
Murphy, Keith	4	
Rideout, Leon H.	5	
Hill, Gregory	6	
Seaworth, Brian , Clerk	7	
Avellani, Lino M. <u>WEBB</u>	10	
Doucette, Fred	8	
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine	9	
Turcotte, Leonard P.		1
Zaricki, Nick <u>RICHARDSON</u>	11	
Ley, Douglas A.	12	
White, Andrew A.	13	
Rice, Chip L.	—	
Converse, Larry	14	
Cahill, Michael D.	15	
DiSilvestro, Linda A.	—	
O'Neil, William J.	16	
Schuett, Dianne E.	17	
TOTAL VOTE:	19	1

MASSIMILLA

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1523

BILL TITLE: relative to government construction contracts.

DATE: October 20, 2016

LOB ROOM: 301

MOTIONS:

Interim Study (2nd yr) Recommended

Moved by Rep. Seaworth

Seconded by Rep. Rideout

Vote: 8-7

Respectfully submitted,

Rep Brian Seaworth, Clerk

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LABOR, INDUSTRIAL AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1523

BILL TITLE: relative to government construction contracts.

DATE: October 20, 2016

LOB ROOM: 301

MOTIONS: Recommend Not Recommend

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ AM Vote: _____

Adoption of Amendment # _____

Moved by Rep. SEAWORTH Seconded by Rep. KIDFOOT Vote: 8-7

_____ Amendment Adopted _____ Amendment Failed

MOTIONS: Recommend Not Recommend

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ AM Vote: _____

Adoption of Amendment # _____

Moved by Rep. _____ Seconded by Rep. _____ Vote: _____

_____ Amendment Adopted _____ Amendment Failed

CONSENT CALENDAR: _____ YES _____ NO
(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. _____

Committee Clerk



STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK

4/13/2016 4:22:59 PM
Roll Call Committee Registers
Report

2016 SESSION

LABOR

Bill #: HB 1523 Title: REL TO GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
PH Date: 2 / 11 / 16 Exec Session Date: 3 / 1 / 16
Motion: RECOMMEND Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Infantine, William J. Chariman	8	
Flanagan, Jack B. Vice Chairman	1	
Simmons, Tammy A.	2	
Pellegrino, Anthony J.		
Murphy, Keith		
Rideout, Leon H.	3	
Hill, Gregory	4	
Seaworth, Brian Clerk	5	
Avellani, Lino M.	6	
Doucette, Fred		
Prudhomme-O'Brien, Katherine	7	
Turcotte, Leonard P.		
Ley, Douglas A.		1
White, Andrew A.		2
Rice, Chip L.		3
Converse, Larry		4
Cahill, Michael D.		5
DiSilvestro, Linda A.		6
O'Neil, William J.		
Schuett, Dianne E.		7
TOTAL VOTE:	8	7

Committee Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

March 2, 2016

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative
Services to which was referred HB 1523,**

AN ACT relative to government construction contracts.

**Having considered the same, report the same with the
recommendation that the bill be REFERRED FOR
INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Jack Flanagan

FOR THE COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services
Bill Number:	HB 1523
Title:	relative to government construction contracts.
Date:	March 2, 2016
Consent Calendar:	CONSENT
Recommendation:	REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY

STATEMENT OF INTENT

Although the bill was well received and has merit, it failed to address two areas of concern. First, it restricts controls set at the local level. Second, it was best suited for contracts under \$25 million dollars.

Vote 19-1.

Rep. Jack Flanagan
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

CONSENT CALENDAR

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

HB 1523, relative to government construction contracts. **REFER FOR INTERIM STUDY.**

Rep. Jack Flanagan for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. Although the bill was well received and has merit, it failed to address two areas of concern. First, it restricts controls set at the local level. Second, it was best suited for contracts under \$25 million dollars. **Vote 19-1.**

Original: House Clerk

Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: LABOR
BILL NUMBER: HB 1523
TITLE: RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

DATE: 3-1-16 CONSENT CALENDAR: YES NO

- OUGHT TO PASS
- OUGHT TO PASS W/ AMENDMENT
- INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE
- INTERIM STUDY (Available only 2nd year of biennium)

Amendment No.

STATEMENT OF INTENT:

ALTHOUGH THE BILL WAS WELL RECEIVED AND HAS MERIT, IT FAILED TO ADDRESS TWO AREAS OF CONCERN. FIRST, IT RESTRICTS CONTROLS SET AT THE LOCAL LEVEL. SECOND, IT WAS BEST SUITED FOR CONTRACTS UNDER \$25 MILLION DOLLARS.

COMMITTEE VOTE: 19-1

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

- Copy to Committee Bill File
- Use Another Report for Minority Report

Rep. B. Flanagan
For the Committee

REGULAR CALENDAR

October 21, 2016

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

**The Committee on Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative
Services to which was referred HB 1523,**

AN ACT relative to government construction contracts.

Having considered the same, report the same:

RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.

Rep. Brian Seaworth

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk

Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services
Bill Number:	HB 1523
Title:	relative to government construction contracts.
Date:	October 21, 2016
Consent Calendar:	REGULAR
Recommendation:	RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION

STATEMENT OF INTENT

The majority of the committee agreed with the goal of the sponsor, which is that open and fair competition will result in the best quality and cost for state construction contracts. In particular, the bill sought to address the possibility of a commuter rail contract.

Vote 8-7.

Rep. Brian Seaworth
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

REGULAR CALENDAR

Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services

HB 1523, relative to government construction contracts. **RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION.**

Rep. Brian Seaworth for Labor, Industrial and Rehabilitative Services. The majority of the committee agreed with the goal of the sponsor, which is that open and fair competition will result in the best quality and cost for state construction contracts. In particular, the bill sought to address the possibility of a commuter rail contract. **Vote 8-7.**

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INTERIM STUDY
COMMITTEE REPORT.

COMMITTEE: Labour
BILL NUMBER: 1523
TITLE: Relative to government
Construction Contracts
DATE: 10/20/16

RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION

NOT RECOMMENDED FOR FUTURE LEGISLATION

STATEMENT OF INTENT: (May be handwritten)

THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE AGREED WITH THE
GOAL OF THE SPONSOR, WHICH IS THAT OPEN AND FAIR
COMPETITION WILL RESULT IN ^{THE} BEST QUALITY AND COST FOR
STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS. IN PARTICULAR,
THE BILL SOUGHT TO ADDRESS THE POSSIBILITY OF
A COMMUTER RAIL CONTRACT.

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8-7 (Attach Committee Voting Sheet)

Rep. BRIAN SEAWORTH
For the Committee