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DID YOU KNOW? Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

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Prevailing Wage Repeal Act

Summary

This act repeals all laws that require administratively determined employee compensation rates, including wages, salaries and benefits.

Model Legislation

Section 1. {Short Title.} This Act shall be known as the Prevailing Wage Repeal Act.

Section 2. {Legislative Declarations.}

The legislature finds and declares that:

(A) Prevailing wage laws increase the costs of government and business and diminish the number of jobs generated by the economy.

(B) Prevailing wage laws raise the wages and benefits for the few at the expense of taxpayers.

(C) Prevailing wage laws add as much as 30 percent to the cost of public construction, renovation, and other public services.

(D) Prevailing wage laws are most harmful to the young, minorities, and to other new or would-be entrants to the work force.

(E) Repeal of prevailing wage laws will increase the efficiency of public investments, reduce the cost of government, and eliminate government's preferential treatment for the politically powerful few.

Section 3. {Definition} Prevailing wage means any administratively determined employee compensation rate, including wages, salary, and benefits.

Section 4. {Repeal of State Law.} Any and all prevailing wage laws are repealed.

Section 5. {Severability clause.}

Section 6. {Repealer clause.}

Section 7. {Effective date.}

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Were your laws repealed?

Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary

This bill would repeal the "prevailing wage" requirements in state law. Paying the prevailing wage (rather than a minimum wage) for government projects is designed to ensure quality work is done on public projects and, that high-quality contractors bid for government project. It also helps keep wage standards in the construction industry. This bill would lower wage standards and undermine the competitive position of union or higher-wage contractors.