

# SUPPORT HB 6112

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- Amends the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act. Provides that a worker engaged in the transportation of aggregate or excavated materials to or from a public works site shall be paid the applicable prevailing wage rate set by the Department of Labor and the IDOT equipment rates for trucks on public works projects.
- Only applies to the transportation of “Aggregate or Excavated Materials” (rock, gravel, sand pebbles, dirt, soil, clay, concrete, cement and asphalt) to or from a public works project.
- Closes the loopholes in the prevailing wage law. Currently many contractors circumvent the Prevailing Wage Act by setting up temporary plants that are dedicated to public projects but not located on the actual job site, or by having a temporary plant on-site that does not produce aggregate material exclusively for the project.
- Creates a level playing field for all contractors, while positively impacting minority-owned truck owner/operators, by ensuring proper rates are paid for prevailing wage work and the equipment rental rate.
- Ensures that the prevailing wage and equipment rental rates paid to the contractors and subcontractors by a public body go directly to the truck owner/operators hired to transport the aggregate material.
- Does not apply to the transportation of non-aggregate materials or equipment to or from a public works site.
- Does not apply to work performed by municipal, county or township employees who transport aggregate material from stockpiled sites.
- Does not apply to public works projects funded with federal funds.
- Does not increase the administrative burden of contractors. Contractors are currently required to submit “Force Account Billing” forms to the Illinois Department of Transportation. These forms require the contractor to include the type of work performed, number of hours worked and the type of equipment used to perform the work. IDOT reimburses the contractor based on information contained on the weekly and monthly “Force Account Billing” forms submitted for the public works project.
- Will not increase the cost of public works projects. The prevailing wage and IDOT equipment rental rate will go to the owners and operators of trucking firms— not the contractor.

