SB 10 INTRODUCED BY AKLESTAD

NO STANDARD PREVAILING WAGE ON LOCALLY FUNDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

- 1/05 INTRODUCED
- 1/05 REFERRED TO LABOR & EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS
- 1/07 FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED
- 1/09 FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED
- 1/20 HEARING

1/30	TAKEN FROM COMMITTEE	27	23
2/03	2ND READING PASSED	26	24

2/05 3RD READING PASSED 26-24

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2/11 REFERRED TO BUSINESS & LABOR

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- 3/12 HEARING
- 3/27 TABLED IN COMMITTEE

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20	contracts under this part may be ascertained.
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1	acceptance by the contracting agency, maintain an action in
2	district court to recover all such penalties and forfeitures
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18	is extended to the provisions of this act.
19	NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date. This act is
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STATE OF MONTANA - FISCAL NOTE

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request, there is hereby submitted a Fiscal Note for SB010, as introduced.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

This proposed bill would exempt local governments from the requirement of paying the standard prevailing rate of wages on local projects in which only local government funds are used.

ASSUMPTIONS:

There are no statewide data available on number of existing local government contracts financed solely by local government resources.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact is ascertainable.

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES: Unknown fiscal impact.

LONG-RANGE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION: Unknown.

TECHNICAL OR MECHANICAL DEFECTS IN PROPOSED LEGISLATION OR CONFLICTS WITH EXISTING LEGISLATION: N/A

DATE

DAVID L. HUNTER, BODGET DIRECTOR Office of Budget and Program Planning

DATE

GARY C. AKLESTAD, PRIMARY SPONSOR

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ON MOTION MOVE FROM COMMITTEE On Labor & Employment Relations printed and Placed on Second Reading

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