

**SENATE BILL No. 171**

By Senators Hensley, Francisco, Holland and Kultala

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1 AN ACT concerning public works projects for state agencies; prescribing  
2 payment of minimum wages for work thereon and preferences for  
3 certain employees to work thereon.  
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. (a) Each contract entered into by any state agency  
7 for any nonfederal aid, public works project shall be based on bid or  
8 contract specifications prescribing and requiring that employees of any  
9 contractor or subcontractor shall be paid not less than the hourly wages,  
10 including fringe benefits, paid to corresponding classes of laborers and  
11 mechanics employed on similar projects in the county where the project  
12 is to be performed. Such minimum wage shall be the wage paid to the  
13 majority of the laborers or mechanics, unless the same wages are not paid  
14 to a majority, in which case the minimum wage shall be the average  
15 wages paid, weighted by the total employed in the classification. In the  
16 alternative, the minimum wage shall be the wage determined under  
17 federal law which would be required to be paid on federally funded  
18 projects at the location of the public works project.

19 (b) Employees employed by contractors or subcontractors in  
20 the execution of any nonfederal aid, public works project contract with  
21 any state agency shall be paid not less than the wages as determined  
22 pursuant to subsection (a).

23 (c) Contractors who employ Kansas residents exclusively shall  
24 be preferred over other bidders for public works projects owned by or  
25 built for any state agency.

26 Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
27 publication in the statute book.  
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