

HB 1497 -- PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS

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This bill modifies the Fairness in Public Construction Act by permitting the state or any political subdivision to enter into a union-only project labor agreement for the procurement of construction services on a project-by-project basis if the project is funded 50% or less with state funds and sets forth certain criteria that must be considered before the state or a political subdivision may enter into such an agreement.

The bill requires the state or political subdivision to publish its findings and hold a public hearing on its intent to enter into the project labor agreement and sets forth the steps by which an interested party may appeal and seek a determination from the Labor and Industrial Relations Commission as to whether the state or political subdivision has complied with the provisions of the bill.

For projects funded by greater than 50% of state funds, the state is prohibited from discriminating against an entity for entering or refusing to enter into any agreement with one or more labor organizations.

This bill is the same as HB 88 (2019).