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DATE:

February 14, 2011

TO:

All Senators

FROM:

Senator Mike Waugh

SUBJECT:

Request to co-sponsor legislation

Prevailing Wage Bills

I am reintroducing two bills that amend the Commonwealth's prevailing wage law to assist school districts in the effort to control costs.

*The first bill was Senate Bill 648 of the 2009-10 Session. Under this bill, certain political bodies – those subdivisions or authorities created by one or more political subdivisions – are exempt from the prevailing wage requirements, although those political subdivisions may, by ordinance or resolution, choose to "opt in" regarding the prevailing wage requirements. Co-sponsors of Senate Bill 648 were Senators Alloway, Baker, Brubaker, Folmer, Piccola, Smucker and Mary Jo White.

*The second bill, which was Senate Bill 649 of the 2009-10 Session, takes a different approach. It gives a local government the option to "opt out" of the prevailing wage requirements by ordinance or resolution, and requires it to notify the Department of Labor and Industry if it chooses to do so. Cosponsors of Senate Bill 649 were Senators Alloway, Baker, Brubaker, Earll, Folmer, Piccola, Smucker and Ward.

If you would like to co-sponsor any of these bills, please contact Debbie Clark in my office at 787-3817 or via email at dclark@pasen.gov.