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Rep. Hutton Introduces Project Labor Agreement Bill

MADISON – Yesterday Representative Rob Hutton (R-Brookfield) introduced AB24 which promotes government neutrality regarding Project Labor Agreements. The bill has seen widespread support with 43 coauthors and is scheduled for a hearing in the Assembly Labor Committee on January 24th.

“This is important legislation because it requires government neutrality within the bid process when applying for public works projects,” said Representative Hutton. “By preventing government entities from requiring a Project Labor Agreement we are opening up the process to allow more contractors to bid on taxpayer funded projects. When competition increases costs go down and quality improves, creating a win for the taxpayers who fund these projects.”

Current law allows government entities to require PLA's, which often require contractors to enter into collective bargaining agreements, as a condition to bid on public works projects. This prevents those firms, who are otherwise well qualified to compete, from bidding on many public projects while inflating the overall cost.

Twenty one states have already enacted legislation to significantly reform or completely eliminate government imposed PLA laws.

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Representative Hutton represents the 13th Assembly District which contains parts of Milwaukee and Waukesha counties and includes Elm Grove and portions of Brookfield, Milwaukee, Wauwatosa, and West Allis.