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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to employment; modifying prevailing wage provisions; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 177.42, subdivision 6.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 177.42, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 6. **Prevailing wage rate.** "Prevailing wage rate" means the hourly basic rate
1.7 of pay plus the contribution for health and welfare benefits, vacation benefits, pension
1.8 benefits, and any other economic benefit, based on current union wage scales paid to
1.9 ~~the largest number of~~ workers engaged in the same class of labor within the area and
1.10 includes, for the purposes of section 177.44, rental rates for truck hire paid to those who
1.11 own and operate the truck. The prevailing wage rate may not be less than a reasonable
1.12 and living wage. The commissioner shall report to the standing committees of the house
1.13 of representatives and senate with jurisdiction over labor issues by March 1 of each
1.14 odd-numbered year on the comparison between compensation and annual increases in
1.15 compensation paid to workers covered under this section and compensation and annual
1.16 increases in compensation of comparable state employees.