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Senator Pearson moves that the Senate propose to the House that the bill be amended by adding a Sec. 71a to read as follows:

Sec. 71a. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT; PREVAILING WAGE  
REQUIREMENT

(a)(1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, any contract awarded for a maintenance, construction, or improvement project that receives \$200,000.00 or more in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds shall provide that all construction employees working on the project shall be paid not less than the mean prevailing wage published periodically by the Vermont Department of Labor in its occupational employment and wage survey plus an additional fringe benefit of 42 and one-half percent of wage, as calculated by the current Vermont prevailing wage survey.

(2) As used in this subsection, “fringe benefits” means benefits, including paid vacations and holidays, sick leave, employer contributions and reimbursements to health insurance and retirement benefits, and similar benefits, that are incidents of employment.

(b) The requirements of subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any maintenance, construction, or improvement project that received \$200,000.00 or more in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds appropriated prior to the

1 effective date of this act if any of the following apply as of the effective date of  
2 this act:  
3       (1) the project has been invited or advertised for bid;  
4       (2) the project is under contract; or  
5       (3) the funds are obligated.  
6       (c) Subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to contracts awarded for  
7 maintenance, construction, or improvements projects that are required by law  
8 to comply with the requirements of the federal Davis-Bacon Act.