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2022 Louisiana Legislative Session Update

Thank you to everyone who joined our bill review on Friday, April 8th. We had a great dialogue and created a clear path forward to defend and promote the merit shop construction industry during the 2022 Legislative Session.

We are now in the fifth week of session. The slow pace typical of the first few weeks continues and is largely attributable to the veto override session that began in the middle of week three. During this special override session, the legislature successfully overturned the Governor's veto of the new U.S. House district maps. The legal impact of this remains unclear, as the maps will inevitably get challenged in the courts. However, this dealt a severe blow to Governor Edwards' political clout, as Speaker Schexnayder rallied the Republican Delegation and obtained additional votes from one Democrat and three Independents. Sometime in the near future we will likely discover what deals the Speaker had to make in order to secure these votes.

Review of Weeks 3 & 4:

HB 487, by Representative Riser, requires that contractors for state projects designate at least 2% of all man-hours to registered apprentices. We provided opposition testimony in the House Committee on Labor & Industrial Relations and secured a 5-5 vote. **The tie vote results HB 487's deferment. ABC-LA is opposing HB 487.**

HB 412, by Representative Goudeau, improves unemployment fraud policing and provides for unemployment benefit revocation if one fails to attend employment interviews without good cause. **HB 412 reported favorably from the House Committee on Labor & Industrial Relations. ABC-LA is supporting HB 412.**

HB 710, by Representative Stefanski, redefines the requirements and procedures for the construction management at risk (CMAR) project delivery method, including the request for qualifications, selection review committee members, and all selection review committee meetings. **ABC-LA is monitoring HB 710.**

SB 248, by Senator Luneau, requires that certain contractors for designate at least 2% of all man-hours to registered apprentices. This bill was heard in the Senate Committee on Labor & Industrial Relations at the same time as Representative Riser's similar bill. After hearing testimony, **Senator Luneau voluntarily deferred SB 248. ABC-LA is opposing SB 248.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thank you for your support of the merit shop.

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