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2022 Louisiana Legislative Session Update

One of ABC's biggest fights this session has been over SB 151, which would enshrine the Governor's limitations on the Industrial Tax Exemption Program (ITEP) into the state constitution. We worked with our coalition partners to secure the votes to kill the bill in preparation for a floor vote. This work resulted in a lengthy debate on the Senate floor two weeks ago, prompting Sen. Pope to shelve the bill. Despite the vote count remaining the same as it was two weeks ago, Sen. Pope brought SB 151 up for a vote on Tuesday. It died on the Senate floor with 14 votes in favor and 21 in opposition. It needed 26 votes in favor to pass.

Killing bad bills is always great, but sometimes it's nice when we can push legislation through. ABC supported a handful of bills that passed through committee this week, including Sen. Womack's SB 474 and Rep. Frieman's HB 56 & 93.

Sen. Womack's bill provides that a change order on a public contract shall be executed within 30 days of discovering the work covered by the change order, and the public entity must pay the contractor within 30 days after approval of the application for payment. It's likely that there will be some amendments regarding the timelines within the bill, but there shouldn't be drastic changes.

The two bills from Rep. Frieman are a continuation of his attempts to overhaul aspects of Workers' Compensation to provide for a more efficient process as well as remove some of the unwarranted biases in favor of injured employees. HB 56 reported favorably despite some opposition from the Democratic members of the House Labor & Industrial Relations committee, and HB 93 sailed through Senate committee without opposition.

At this point during session lots of bills are moving between the two chambers. We're remaining vigilant in monitoring otherwise non-threatening bills for potentially harmful amendments and succeeding in pushing positive legislation while either stopping or amending legislation that is not aligned with our merit shop values.

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Join us for ABC Legislative Week in June in Washington D.C. ABC Pelican and Bayou members will engage with top political leaders and experts and meet with their U.S. Representatives and Senators to advocate for the critical policy priorities of ABC and the merit shop construction industry. The week will feature a legislative day with a Louisiana Delegation Luncheon for ABC of Louisiana members at the Capitol Hill Club on Wednesday, June 15th.

For more information or to reserve your spot at the Louisiana Delegation Luncheon please email Macie at mmorgan@abcpelican.com.



Thank you all for supporting the merit shop. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at any time.

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