

SENATE BILL NO. 443—COMMITTEE ON  
GROWTH AND INFRASTRUCTURE

MARCH 24, 2025

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to public works.  
(BDR 28-1112)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.  
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to public works; providing a declaration of legislative intent regarding the payment of prevailing wages to workers employed by a contractor or subcontractor to perform construction work on certain projects awarded by a public utility relating to infrastructure for natural gas; requiring a contractor or subcontractor who is awarded a contract for construction work on certain infrastructure projects by a public utility to comply with prevailing wage provisions applicable to public works, even if the construction work does not qualify as a public work; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

**Legislative Counsel’s Digest:**

1 Existing law sets forth general provisions applicable to public works, including  
2 provisions requiring, with certain exceptions, the payment of prevailing wages for  
3 public works projects. (NRS 338.013-338.090) **Section 2** of this bill makes a  
4 declaration of legislative intent finding that the payment of prevailing wages to  
5 workers employed by a contractor or subcontractor to perform construction work  
6 on projects awarded by a public utility relating to infrastructure for natural gas is  
7 necessary for the safety of the public and to ensure the highest quality of work on  
8 such projects. **Section 3** of this bill requires a contractor or subcontractor who is  
9 awarded a contract for construction work on a significant natural gas infrastructure  
10 project by a public utility to comply with prevailing wage provisions applicable to  
11 public works, even if the construction work does not qualify as a public work.  
12 **Section 3** also defines “public utility” and “significant natural gas infrastructure  
13 project” for the purposes of that section.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN  
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1       **Section 1.** Chapter 338 of NRS is hereby amended by adding  
2 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 2 and 3 of this act.

3       **Sec. 2.** *The Legislature hereby finds and declares that the*  
4 *payment of prevailing wages to workers employed by a contractor*  
5 *or subcontractor to perform construction work on projects*  
6 *awarded by a public utility relating to infrastructure for natural*  
7 *gas is necessary for the safety of the public and to ensure the*  
8 *highest quality of work on such projects.*

9       **Sec. 3.** *1. The provisions of NRS 338.013 to 338.090,*  
10 *inclusive, apply to any contract for construction work awarded by*  
11 *a public utility to a contractor or subcontractor on a significant*  
12 *natural gas infrastructure project, even if the construction work*  
13 *does not qualify as a public work, as defined in NRS 338.010.*

14       **2.** *As used in this section:*

15       **(a)** *“Public utility” has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS*  
16 *704.020 and 704.021.*

17       **(b)** *“Significant natural gas infrastructure project” means:*

18       **(1)** *The construction of a new facility for the transmission,*  
19 *distribution, compression or storage of natural gas;*

20       **(2)** *The rehabilitation, replacement, modification, upgrade,*  
21 *uprate or update of an existing facility for the transmission,*  
22 *distribution, compression or storage of natural gas; or*

23       **(3)** *Any series of projects listed in subparagraphs (1) and*  
24 *(2) for which the anticipated cost of the series of projects exceeds*  
25 *the cost threshold established by the Public Utilities Commission*  
26 *of Nevada pursuant to subsection 3 of NRS 704.991.*

27       **Sec. 4.** The provisions of section 3 of this act do not apply to  
28 any contract entered into before October 1, 2025.

