

# Stop the Construction Price Hike

## *Unfair Burden on Taxpayers*

Skyrocketing inflation is reducing the benefits of Illinois' limited construction and infrastructure taxpayer-funded budgets

Now special interests want to hike construction prices even more...

Inflation and supply-chain issues have already driven up construction costs by 23 percent. **HB 3647 will shift additional costs onto taxpayers.**

HB 3647 extends Illinois' prevailing wage mandates beyond public works job sites to the production and transportation of materials. It means:

- Costs of construction materials for essential infrastructure increase dramatically
- Even higher costs hitting middle-class families throughout the state - further increasing the costs of construction materials used in vital public works projects and increasing trucking costs throughout the state - leading to higher prices at the supermarket checkout line
- Fewer potholes patched, lane miles paved, bridges repaired, and flood prevention controls
- Municipalities, school districts and other local governments eliminate, or delay, needed and essential infrastructure projects, increasing budget needs
- The costs of renewable energy projects – like solar and wind – become less cost-effective compared to fossil fuel projects
- The federal Prevailing Wage Act supersedes the requirements of the legislation

HB 3647 significantly reduces the purchasing power of local school districts, townships, counties, municipalities, Capital Development Board, universities, IDOT, Illinois Tollway and power generation companies.

HB 3647 not only increases costs of basic construction materials, such as aggregates, concrete and asphalt pavement, but also for such things as rebar, light poles, structural steel, etc.

HB 3647 will give out-of-state suppliers an unfair competitive advantage over Illinois businesses employing Illinois residents and send Illinois jobs to neighboring states.

HB 3647 will create administrative nightmares for the prevailing wage reporting requirements as: 1) Material suppliers do not know whether the materials will ultimately end up in a public works project at the end of the supply chain; 2) Additional payroll requirements will create more barriers to entry to smaller, minority- and women-owned firms, especially those operating in the transportation market.

HB 3647 will complicate the bidding process for many contractors, discouraging many suppliers and carriers from participating in public works projects due to unreasonable requirements and costs.

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**Opponents include the following organizations and their members:**

**Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers  
Illinois Municipal League  
Illinois Road & Transportation Builders Association  
Hispanic American Construction Industry Association  
Black Contractors Owners and Executives  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
Township Officials of Illinois  
Associated General Contractors of Illinois  
Federation of Women Contractors  
Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association  
Illinois Trucking Association  
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois Mechanical & Specialty Contractors Association  
Illinois Association of County Engineers  
Illinois Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
Mid-West Truckers Association  
Underground Contractors Association of Illinois  
Illinois Construction Industry Committee  
Great Lakes Construction Association  
Illinois Chapter, American Concrete Paving Association  
Contractors Association of Will & Grundy Counties  
Associated Builders & Contractors, IL Chapter  
National Federation of Independent Business  
Chicagoland Associated General Contractors  
American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois  
South Suburban Mayors and Managers Association  
Mason Contractors Association of Greater Chicago  
Southern Illinois Builders Association  
Illinois Landscape Contractors Association  
Illinois Green Industry Association  
Illinois Association of County Board Members**