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**RESOLUTION**

To encourage state agencies to use project labor 1  
agreements on public improvement projects. 2

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE  
OF OHIO:**

WHEREAS, A project labor agreement is a pre-hire collective 3  
bargaining agreement between an entity and one or more labor 4  
organizations that establishes the terms and conditions of 5  
employment for a specific construction project; and 6

WHEREAS, Because a project labor agreement establishes 7  
uniform work and pay schedules and management rights regarding 8  
hiring employees and includes provisions prohibiting strikes and 9  
other work stoppages by employees and specifying standard 10  
grievance procedures that are applicable to all contractors and 11  
unions working on a public improvement project, a project labor 12  
agreement is a proven way to effectively manage and maintain time 13  
schedules and budgets on that project and to encourage fair 14  
competition among contractors by standardizing labor conditions; 15  
and 16

WHEREAS, Often public improvement projects involve multiple 17  
employers, which may result in project delays if the employees of 18

any of those employers strike, and the lack of coordination and 19  
cooperation between employers may delay completion of the project; 20  
and 21

WHEREAS, A project labor agreement reduces the costs of a 22  
public improvement project by allowing a state agency to know all 23  
of the labor costs up-front and by providing stability and 24  
structure to the project, since all parties are bound to the terms 25  
of the agreement and the project labor agreement takes precedence 26  
over any existing collective bargaining agreement between a union 27  
and a particular contractor for that project; and 28

WHEREAS, In these tough economic times, a state agency should 29  
take any available steps to reduce the costs of projects 30  
undertaken by the agency; now therefore be it 31

RESOLVED, That we, the members of the House of 32  
Representatives of the 128th General Assembly of the State of 33  
Ohio, encourage all state agencies to use project labor agreements 34  
for public improvement projects undertaken by the state agency; 35  
and be it further 36

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives 37  
transmit duly authenticated copies of this resolution to the 38  
Governor of the State of Ohio, to the heads of each state agency 39  
of the State of Ohio, and to the news media of Ohio. 40