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

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of Ohio:

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

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

WHEREAS, Often public improvement projects involve multiple employers, which may result in project delays if the employees of any of those employers strike, and the lack of coordination and cooperation between employers may delay completion of the project; and

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

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

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

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