

Resolution No. 2

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City: Seattle, Washington

NAHB Resolution

Title: Federal Davis-Bacon Wage Requirements
Original Sponsor: Federal Government Affairs Committee

WHEREAS, Davis-Bacon wage-rate requirements place a large bureaucratic burden on employers and can substantially increase the cost of constructing affordable homes;

WHEREAS, the Department of Labor’s formulation of Davis-Bacon wage rates has long been criticized for using inflated union wages and does not always appropriately reflect the actual wages paid in the marketplace for residential construction industry jobs;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Labor Statistics indicates that the construction industry is producing long-term, good-paying careers for many Americans;

WHEREAS, the need for skilled labor in residential construction has heightened competition among employers for good employees, creating higher paying jobs;

WHEREAS, many federal lawmakers have shown an interest in expanding the scope of Davis Bacon prevailing wage rates beyond the federal project job sites traditionally covered by the program,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Home Builders urge Congress and the Administration to oppose the mandatory use of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates and requirements.

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Resolutions Committee Action:
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