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**RESOLUTION 2020-09**

## **ESTABLISHING A MORE EQUITABLE NUMBER & GEOGRAPHICAL DISTRIBUTION OF DISPATCH CITIES**

It is the intent of the Montana Association of Counties to seek legislation that requires the Department of Labor to evaluate its selection process for naming dispatch cities in Prevailing Wage Rate determinations and at minimum add additional locations, namely in eastern Montana.

**WHEREAS**, Montana’s prevailing wage law applies to public works contracts above \$25,000, entered into by counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the determination of prevailing wages, fringe benefits, and travel benefits all impact the cost of county contracts; and

**WHEREAS**, increases in costs to county public works contracts directly impacts county taxpayers; and

**WHEREAS**, within the four (4) Prevailing Wage Districts there exist seven (7) “Dispatch” cities from which Zone Pay and Travel Pay is determined

**WHEREAS**, each of Districts 1-3 have two dispatch cities and Zone 4 only one; and

**WHEREAS**, District 4 represents the largest geographical area of any District and has only one Dispatch city the impact on taxpayers in that region is disproportionate.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Montana Association of Counties will seek legislation that mitigates or eliminates the arbitrary adverse impacts to local capital project costs in some areas of Montana as a result of the designation of, location of, and number of currently designated dispatch cities.

<b>SPONSOR:</b>	MACO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LABOR COMMITTEE (ORIGINATING COUNTY: CUSTER COUNTY & RICHLAND COUNTY)
<b>RECOMMENDATION:</b>	DO PASS
<b>REFERRED TO:</b>	MACO COMMUNITY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & LABOR COMMITTEE
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