

8 Things You Should Know About the Return of “Right to Work”

- * There is no scientific evidence that passing so-called “Right to Work” legislation will help New Hampshire’s workers find better jobs or improve the state’s economy.
- * It is not easy to explain what misleadingly-named “Right to Work” laws actually change. Most people in New Hampshire have never heard of “right to work,” don’t know what it will do and have no idea that it could affect their own jobs, wages and quality of life.
- * Granite State business experts agree that so-called “Right to Work” legislation does not address the factors employers say are most important in business location decisions, like energy cost and workforce availability, and it will not create the quality jobs New Hampshire needs.
- * Under current state and federal law, no worker can be forced to join a union or pay union dues. Moreover, it is illegal for union members to pressure non-members to join.
- * So-called “Right-to-Work” laws give the state government power to interfere with the right of private businesses to freely negotiate and enter into contracts with their employees. If Right to Work becomes law, New Hampshire will be the only New England state to regulate collective bargaining in this manner.
- * So-called “Right-to-Work” is not a job creation or economic development bill – it is specifically designed to hurt unions and weaken the right to collectively negotiate for better pay and working conditions.
- * The effort to make New Hampshire the next “Right to Work” state is politically motivated and largely driven by national outside interest groups like the Americans for Prosperity and the National Right to Work Committee, and “Right to Work” is not a reasonable response to the real problems facing New Hampshire businesses or workers today.
- * There is a long history of bi-partisan opposition to passing “Right to Work” in New Hampshire. We should continue that honorable tradition.