

(Wisconsin) Rallies Planned to Fight ‘Right-to-Work’ Law

Posted on February 23, 2015 by Rosemary Feurer

12:00 p.m. Tuesday February 24 and 12:00 p.m. Wednesday February 25, State Street Side of the Capitol. The Senate Committee on Labor and Government Reform will be holding a hearing Tuesday, February 24, to hear comments on the proposed law. Interested persons may contact legislators about the proposed law by calling the legislative hotline is: 1-800-362-9472.

RTW No Good for State

Two studies — a [national report](#) from the Economic Policy Institute and a [Marquette University study](#) — have shown that there is no good economic reason for Wisconsin to enact a right-to-work law. In fact, the studies said the law could hurt the economy. A full report on the studies was carried by Public Radio station WUWM on its “Lake Effect” show. Both the written and audio version of the show [is available here](#).

Setting the Record Straight

“Right to work” laws are another kick to the guts of the already-reeling labor movement, and attacks on labor unions are attacks on all working people, including you and me. — Jamakaya in the Wisconsin Gazette of Jan. 29, 2015. [Read full article](#).

Study Debunks RTW Claims

Back in 2011 when Michigan debated the R-T- W law, an economic study pointed out the fallacies in the arguments of proponents that the law would spur on the economy and create jobs. The study, entitled, “Right-to-work: Wrong for Michigan’s Economy,” was produced by the Economic Policy Institute and a summary of that study can be found [by clicking here](#).

A Fact Sheet

The facts are that right-to-work is more aptly named “right-to-work for less,” as a Fact Sheet

compiled by the AFL-CIO shows in this flyer that can be reproduced. [Click Here](#).

Kentucky Continues Pass RTW

In Kentucky, where the Democratic-controlled legislature has blocked passage of a right-to-work (for less) law, anti-union forces have turned to individual counties. Already six counties have passed such legislation, though it's questionable whether the laws are legal under Federal law. [Read more](#).

What's Happening!<?h4>

JOIN PETITION DRIVE: The Wisconsin State AFL-CIO has set up an online petition you may quickly sign to tell the State Legislators your views about the pending law. [Click here](#).

Helpful Links

- [**The Wisconsin State AFL-CIO**](#)
- [**The Wisconsin Labor History Society**](#)
- [**Citizen Action of Wisconsin**](#)

Author



- [**Rosemary Feurer**](#)

Rosemary Feurer is Professor of History at Northern Illinois University. She is the author of *Radical Unionism in the Midwest, 1900-1950*, among other books and essays. She is working on *The Illinois Mine Wars, 1860-1940* and a new biography of Mary Harris "Mother" Jones.