

## Right to Work

Most action on important legislation continues in the New Mexico House. Unfortunately with the change in the majority status to Republicans, the outcomes are all too predictable. Pro-education and pro-labor legislation fails on near party line votes in committees. Anti-public employee and anti-public education legislation passes out of committee with the same party line vote. ELECTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES!

As this is written, so-called Right to Work (RTW) legislation is being debated in the [House Judiciary Committee](#). That measure [House Bill 75](#), will almost undoubtedly pass on a 7-6 vote and move to the House Floor. Since one Democrat, [Rep. Donna Irwin](#), supported in the [House Business and Employment Committee](#), it will likely pass the full House on a 38-33 vote, likely before the weekend.

Call [House Members](#) with this message:

***"right to work is UNFAIR, UNNECESSARY and BAD for New Mexico working families!"***

**GET THE FACTS! CLICK ON [www.rtwexposed.org](http://www.rtwexposed.org)**

## The Good, Bad, and Ugly in the House

You can see the pattern in the House from the table below: The "good" tabled; the "bad" and the "ugly" moving on. The TEACHER & SCHOOL LEADER EFFECTIVENESS ACT, [House Bill 144](#), was temporarily passed over in the [House Education Committee](#) this morning. It will be worked on by the committee and reappear later this week. This measure as it now stands basically puts the current teacher evaluation rule into law with some minor, but positive, changes. It reduces the reliance on student achievement from 50% to 45%. That number may be further reduced when the committee substitute emerges. However, we doubt that it can be improved enough to meet our objection to the over-use of student standardized test scores in teacher evaluation--stay tuned.

[House Bill 41](#), the governor's "flunk" third graders bill, was pulled from the Appropriations and Finance Committee and placed on the House Calendar. It will almost certainly be debated and passed by the [entire House](#) tomorrow. The real action to defeat this bad idea will occur in the Senate; however, please call on [House members](#) to oppose this attempt to remove parents and school professions from decisions about retaining third graders. This bill makes transition from third grade to fourth grade the only time that a test score, rather than parents and school professionals determines whether a student passes or fails a grade level.

Bill Number		Sponsor	NEA-New Mexico Position
<a href="#">HB 15</a>	LIMIT SCHOOL DAYS FOR STATEWIDE TESTS- <b>Tabled</b>	<a href="#">Bill McCamley</a>	Support
<a href="#">HB 41</a>	SCHOOL GRADE PROMOTION & RETENTION- <b>House Calendar</b>	<a href="#">Monica Youngblood</a>	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 71</a>	STREAMLINE TEACHER & ADMINISTRATOR LICENSURE- <b>House Calendar</b>	<a href="#">Tim D. Lewis</a>	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 73</a>	SCHOOL BUS SECURITY & GPS SYSTEMS-in House Transportation	<a href="#">Christine Trujillo</a>	Support

<a href="#">HB 74</a>	PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION AS INDEPENDENT- <i>Tabled</i>	<a href="#">Christine Trujillo</a>	Support
<a href="#">HB 76</a>	TEACHER LICENSURE LEVELS & ADVANCEMENT- <b>House Calendar</b>	<a href="#">Dennis J. Roch</a>	Oppose
<a href="#">HB 117</a>	NO DRIVING FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS- <i>Tabled</i>	<a href="#">Jimmie C. Hall</a>	watch
<a href="#">HB 129</a>	CLARIFY SCHOOL TEST INDIVIDUAL CHOICE- <i>Tabled</i>	<a href="#">Stephanie Garcia</a> <a href="#">Richard</a>	Support
<a href="#">HB 144</a>	TEACHER & SCHOOL LEADER EFFECTIVENESS ACT-in House Education committee, likely will be passed out this week.	<a href="#">James E. Smith</a>	Oppose
<a href="#">HJR 2</a>	LIMIT SCHOOL CLASS SIZE, CA- <i>Tabled</i>	<a href="#">Stephanie Garcia</a> <a href="#">Richard</a>	Support

### Better News in the Senate

In the Senate the news is better as some bad ideas are tabled and some good legislation is progressing. Please call or email appropriate committee members with our stands on the various Senate bills below

Bill Number		Sponsor	NEA-New Mexico Position
<a href="#">SB 20</a>	PAID LEAVE FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES-do pass, <a href="#">Senate Education</a> , awaiting a hearing in <a href="#">Senate Corporations &amp; Transportation Committee</a>	<a href="#">Michael Padilla</a>	Support
<a href="#">SB 66</a>	SCHOOL GRADE PROMOTION & RETENTION-awaiting in <a href="#">Senate Public Affairs Committee</a>	<a href="#">Gay G. Kernan</a>	Oppose
<a href="#">SB 126</a>	LEVEL 3-B TEACHER LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS-Do Pass in <a href="#">Senate Ed</a> , waiting a hearing in <a href="#">Senate Public Affairs Committee</a>	<a href="#">Mimi Stewart</a>	Support
<a href="#">SB 127</a>	DEVELOPMENT OF END-OF-COURSE TESTS BY TEACHER-Do Pass in <a href="#">Senate Ed</a> , waiting a hearing in <a href="#">Senate Public Affairs Committee</a>	<a href="#">Mimi Stewart</a>	Support
<a href="#">SB 153</a>	STREAMLINE TEACHER ADMINISTRATIVE LICENSURE-Do Pass in <a href="#">Senate Ed</a> , waiting a hearing in Senate Finance Committee	<a href="#">Sue Wilson Beffort</a>	Oppose
<a href="#">SB 203</a>	CERTAIN STUDENTS TESTED IN NATIVE LANGUAGE-Do Pass in <a href="#">Senate</a>	<a href="#">John M. Sapien</a>	Support

	<a href="#">Ed</a> , waiting a hearing in <a href="#">Senate Public Affairs Committee</a>		
<a href="#">SB 205</a>	DELAY USE OF CERTAIN TEST IN TEACHER EVALS-Do Pass in <a href="#">Senate Ed</a> ,waiting a hearing in <a href="#">Senate Public Affairs Committee</a>	<a href="#">John M. Sapien</a>	Support

Tomorrow we will attempt to track the ongoing budget debate, although most of it is *ongoing in secret*!