

2016

Sponsor(s): Representatives Conway, Hudgins, Campbell, Cody, Kenney, Blake, Miloscia, Romero, Wallace, O'Brien, Wood, Chase, Simpson, Berkey, Darneille, Hunt, Moeller, Upthegrove, Edwards, Kagi and Santos

Brief Description: Prohibiting use of public funds to encourage or discourage unionization.

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(SEE ALSO PROPOSED 1ST SUB)

Finds that the state currently places no limitation on the use of its funds to either encourage or discourage unionization, and as a result, public funds have been used by employers when there are efforts to unionize their work force.

Declares that it is the policy of this state to recognize the right of employees to freedom of association in the workplace and freedom of choice in who will represent employees in collective bargaining.

Declares that the expenditure of public funds to support an employer's support or opposition to unionization of the employer's workers does not serve the purposes for which the public funds were provided to the employer and, thus, the expenditure of those funds to support or oppose unionization is a misuse and waste of public funds.

Declares an intent to ensure that public funds are not used to encourage or discourage employees from choosing union representation.