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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Labor in Oklahoma had a major win this week! Out of the Top 10 Bills to WATCH, 6 of the most harmful to the labor movement in Oklahoma were either voted down or never heard in committee.

The first deadline in the legislative process was yesterday, March 6th. If bills were not passed out of the committee it was originally assigned to then they are considered either dormant, which means the bill could possibly move in the 2026 session, or dead.

[SB 62](#)'s committee hearing was the biggest win for labor this week. The bill by Sen. Micheal Bergstrom would prevent school districts from permitting payroll deductions for professional organizations. Questions were brought up if the author intended to run this type of legislation in the future, but focusing on Fire Fighters and Police Officers. The Senate's Education Committee, which is made up of 9 Republicans and 2 Democrats, voted the bill down.

- The bill failed with a vote of 8 nays and 3 yeas, and you can see the votes cast [here](#).

[SB 31](#) by Sen. Carri Hicks and Rep. Judd Strom was voted 'Do Pass' out of the Senate Appropriations committee on Wednesday. This bill provides tuition assistance to certain eligible members of the National Guard enrolled in CareerTech programs.

[SB 254](#) by Sen. Jo Anna Dossett is a bill to have an actuarial study of the impact of a paid family and medical leave program in the state of Oklahoma, and it passed out of the Senate Economic Development, Workforce & Tourism committee on Tuesday.

[HB 1515](#) by Rep. Molly Jenkins is a bill that would require Oklahomans wishing to vote absentee to provide a statement explaining why they cannot vote in person and only offered 9 accepted reasons, and failure to submit statement would result in denial of absentee ballot application. The bill died in the House Government Oversight Committee with a [vote of 6 yeas to 10 nays](#).

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If you have any questions, or further interest in the bills' details you are more than welcome to give our office a call at 405-528-2409 and ask for Isabella.

Have a great weekend!

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