

## **Union Backers Protest OH Right-To-Work Bill**

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Labor backers are making clear their opposition to a pair of bills aiming to strip Ohio unions of their power to compel membership and automatically collect dues.

Hundreds showed up Tuesday at the Ohio Statehouse, where the first — and probably the last — hearing was being held on right-to-work legislation proposed by Republican state Reps. Kristina Roegner and Ron Maag.

The chairman of the Manufacturing & Workforce Development Committee said no further hearings were planned on the bills. Sponsors were provided an airing under House rules.

The so-called "Workplace Freedom" bill would apply to private-sector unions. A companion measure would apply to public-sector unions.

The proposals come less than two years after Ohio voters overwhelmingly rejected collective bargaining limits for government workers.

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