



A Voice For Faculty

Capitol Monitor

A Weekly Report on Activity at the State Capitol

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Upcoming State Employee Actions

Wednesday, March 30 at 11:00 a.m., leaders and members of public employees unions will gather in the Legislative Office Building (LOB) lobby to support the efforts made by Better Choices for fairer taxation (CSU-AAUP is a member of the Better Choices Coalition). Please let [Ellen Benson](#) know if you plan to attend. Please come and show your support!

The public employees unions are mobilizing on **Tuesday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m.** at the LOB to jointly commemorate the 45th anniversary of the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, and respond to the hearings of various bills designed to attack the rights of state workers. We need your support that day as well!

Bills of Interest to CSU-AAUP

You will receive three "Action Alerts" from CSU-AAUP over the next few weeks regarding higher education reorganization, budget cuts at the universities, and the threat to declare faculty as "managerial", thus removing their rights to remain in a union.

The Higher Education Committee of the General Assembly has submitted substitute bills for the Governor's Reorganization proposal ([HB1011](#)), the Strategic Plan for Higher Education ([HB6257](#)), and *An Act Concerning the Connecticut State University System* ([HB6255](#)).

However, what will become of these bills and how they will be amended is still very difficult to predict. Our lobbyist and leadership will alert members when action is needed and it is crucial that members act on these alerts.

Please take a few minutes to read and respond to the action alerts you receive in the next few weeks. Our collective actions to date have had a major influence.

What are the Hot Topics at the Capitol?

From the [Office of Legislative Research](#):

1. PRELIMINARY ANALYSES OF GOVERNOR'S BILLS
2. SUITABILITY FOR GUN PERMIT AND SUMMARY OF SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 967
3. SUMMARY OF SB 1, AN ACT CONCERNING CONNECTICUT'S ENERGY FUTURE
4. ANALYSIS OF AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY EFFICIENCY

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