

Action needed for Senate leaders to allow E-Verify bills a vote on the Senate floor

For the second year, the House has passed E-Verify legislation and the Senate leadership will not allow these bills (S-210 and H-5143) out of committee.

E-Verify legislation requires Rhode Island employers with 3 or more employees to participate in the federally instituted E-Verify system to verify the legal status of new hires on a prospective basis.

With a state unemployment rate of over 12%, enacting an employee verification program will open job opportunities for Rhode Island citizens and lawful residents seeking employment in order to support their families.

The bill, if enacted, would deter employers from exploiting illegal workers and violating fair labor practice laws.

Given the state's fiscal crisis and the difficult budget cuts and tax increases that have been proposed, E-Verify will help alleviate some of the state costs associated with illegal immigration in the years to come.

Senate President Paiva-Weed should not deprive the full senate a vote on this issue.

Call the following. Ask that the Senate Judiciary Committee vote to allow the E-Verify bills out of committee so that the full Senate can vote on this issue.

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