

## Unions Contributed More Than \$83K to Help Reelect Walker

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***Hardhat unions and construction contractors find themselves on the outside looking in, despite support for Scott Walker when he needed them.***

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MADISON - Unions representing engineers, police, firefighters, plumbers, carpenters and other trades contributed more than \$83,000 in 2013-14 to help reelect Republican Gov. Scott Walker, despite his successful [2011 effort](#) to slash public employee collective bargaining rights and [his support](#) for a state right-to-work law.

Leading the pack of eight unions that contributed to Walker (see Table below) was [Operating Engineers Local 139](#) at \$43,128, which is the maximum contribution a political action committee can make to a statewide candidate in an election cycle. The union, which represents construction equipment operators, strongly opposes the proposed right-to-work measure. Right-to-work laws are an economic hit for unions because they prohibit requiring workers to make payments to unions as a condition of employment.

The state Senate passed the right-to-work measure, [Senate Bill 44](#), this week. It now goes to the Assembly for final legislative approval next week, and then to Walker. In recent years, the governor has handle the right-to-work issue various ways, including calling it a distraction from his agenda, or not a priority, or refusing to say whether he would sign such a measure into law. But shortly after GOP legislative leaders decided late last week to take up a right-to-work bill in extraordinary session, Walker announced he would sign it if it reached his desk.

### Union PAC Contributions To Republican Governor Scott Walker 2013-14

Name	Amount
Operating Engineers Local 139	\$43,128
Wisconsin Pipe Trades	\$19,000
Wisconsin State Council of Carpenters	\$12,500

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Milwaukee Police Association	\$4,000
Milwaukee Professional Firefighters Local 215	\$2,500
Sprinkler Fitters Local 183	\$1,500
Boilermakers Local 107	\$1,000
Northeast Wisconsin Building & Construction Trades Council	\$100
TOTAL	\$83,228