

Resolution in Support of Eliminating the Filibuster

WHEREAS, the United States Senate is at a 50/50 split; and

WHEREAS, the Republicans are united in their goal to make sure nothing proposed by the Democrats can pass by using the filibuster on every bill possible; and

WHEREAS, historically the filibuster required that someone opposing a bill continuously speak, and this is no longer required, resulting in the opposing party being able to kill a bill just by saying, “you don’t have 60 votes”; and

WHEREAS, in order for something to get passed via reconciliation, per the “Byrd Rule” it must affect the budget; and

WHEREAS, this would prevent important legislation like the Voting Rights Act, and DC Statehood from passing; and

WHEREAS, a few conservative Democrats are standing in the way of filibuster reform; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the First District Democrats call on the US Senate to end the filibuster as currently practiced in order for important legislation to pass; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be sent to Washington State Senators Patty Murray, and Maria Cantwell, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Senate Majority WHIP Dick Durbin, Vice President Kamala Harris, and President Joe Biden; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the King County Democrats, Snohomish County Democrats, and Washington State Democrats for consideration at their next meetings.

Proposed by Tyler Kelson, June 3, 2021

Recommended DO PASS by the First District Democrats Issues Committee – June 3, 2021

Passed by 1st LD Dems General Meeting – June 21, 2021