

I oppose this bill. This is a tool that has been used by both parties. When there is a minority there needs to be a way to protect the Oregon Citizens. The people of Oregon need to know that our leaders are listening to us and will do their best to protect us from frivolous or dangerous bills. The kind of leaders needed in Oregon are the ones that actually listen to the needs of their constituents. This bill is a partisan move so that one party can get its way.

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a bit of recent History: 2021

It is important to note that several recent Democratic lawmakers participated in or supported the same 2001 quorum denial strategy now being employed by Senate Republicans. They are:

Senate Minority Leader Kate Brown (current governor)  
Representative Phil Barnhart (former State Representative)  
Representative Alan Bates (former State Senator)  
Representative Richard Devlin (former State Senator)  
Representative Mark Hass (current State Senator)  
Representative Laurie Monnes Anderson (current State Senator)  
Representative Diane Rosenbaum (former State Senator)

Senate Democratic Leader Kate Brown, D-Portland, called the House Democrats' actions "very appropriate under the circumstances."

"Under certain circumstances, it's fair to say we would use all tools available to us, and stage a similar boycott," she said.

AP, June 25, 2001

Please vote no on SB 261