

Respectfully, in my experience, if I were to walk out from any position because things were not going the way I thought they ought, I would be fired, period. Although we cannot fire legislators, we can make them accountable for such juvenile behavior of hitching a ride out of town when they are not pleased. They are elected by the majority (small or large) who voted for them, but they now represent ALL citizens in their respective districts, including those who voted against them and a vast majority of both citizen groupings do not appreciate walkouts.

I have learned that historically, walkouts in the USA by State Legislators mostly have occurred in States that have high quorum requirements like the 2/3rds of members required in Oregon Legislative branches. Therefore, passing to the floor of the Senate in support of SJR4 would be my first choice; it being the most effective resolution to this ludicrous walkout option attempted by any grouping/party of Legislators.

Passing SJR3 is a second choice as I think it a weaker solution but better than doing nothing.

Please, do pass to the Senate floor with recommendation of support for both SB61 AND SB62, regardless the above resolutions being passed or not because this assures, no matter the quorum requirement, walkout participants are thereby accountable for such bad behavior.