

Please Oppose S.B. No. 63

I grew up in a family that didn't vote. Today my Father and many other hard working people like him don't have time to think about voting because they already are working 50 hours a week to make ends meet. My father and others my age feel the system is broken and there is no reason to even try. They get frustrated and annoyed with political ads where each candidate just bashes each other instead of actually talking about what hard working people want or need out of their government.

This Senate bill would continue to keep voters disengaged by keeping our voting system broken. Financially punishing local municipalities for using ranked choice voting almost certainly means it will not be used. Allowing Ranked Choice Voting could be a step in a better direction. Ranked Choice Voting allows for a voter to cast their ballot for a candidate they are actually excited about, and then list second and third choices. In our current system we must choose between candidates with the most money who are more likely to win against the person we don't agree with. Because voters would no longer have to make a binary decision, candidates would have to work harder to earn people's votes because second and third choice votes would also matter. This means less negative advertising. I believe Ranked Choice Voting is something that would engage many potential voters I know who are checked out.

I want to see people who are able to take part in cordial productive political dialog and focus on legislation that serves and improves the lives of our communities. I also want to see my community members feel they can run for office. Ranked Choice voting allows new candidates to enter the race without fear of "taking a vote away" from one of the two main candidates. I am asking you to oppose this bill today because I want to see more of my community members excited to vote! I believe RCV has the power to engage voters and potentially save our local government money by eliminating the need for run off or special elections.