

Resolution in Support of SB5895

(passed by the Washington State [41st District Democrats](#) on March 19, 2009)

Whereas buyers of a new house in Washington State are given less warranty protection than buyers of a new condominium or a new car; and

Whereas consumer advocates, editorial boards, and Democratic legislators have been championing homeowner protection for over a decade; and

Whereas on March 11, 2009, SB 5895 ("Addressing residential real property construction improvements through consumer education, warranty protections, legal remedies,...") passed the Washington State Senate; and

Whereas SB 5895 is a strong bill, not weakened by amendments; and

Whereas last year a similar bill passed in the State Senate but died in the House; and

Whereas Democratic legislators should support consumers;

Therefore Be It Resolved that we, the Democrats of the 41st Legislative District in Washington State, do hereby ask our elected State lawmakers to support the recently passed Senate bill, or a similarly strong bill, if and when it comes up for a vote in the State House; and

Therefore Be It Further Resolved that we ask our elected State lawmakers not to support amendments that weaken the Senate version of the bill.

(end of resolution)

References:

- [SB 5895](#)
- [Senate Democrats](#)
- [David Goldstein \(HA\)](#)
- [Andrew Villeneuve \(NW Progressive Institute\)](#)

Comments:

The phrase "Homeowners' Bill of Rights" was deemed to have negative connotations to many people, so, by friendly amendment, the approved resolution makes no mention of that phrase.

An earlier version of the resolution mentioned BIAW and our 41st legislators' voting records. That language was also removed.

The House version of the bill is substantially weaker, according to several sources.