

To Chair Williamson and Committee Members,

I am opposed to SB229A. The people of Oregon have carefully crafted a system in which decisions by the Legislature can be reviewed by voters of the entire state. This has worked well for generations of Oregonians. With such a consequential proposal it would have been only proper to bring this up for discussion at the earliest possible date, not dramatically late in the Session.

Moreover allowing voters to participate in such review during the General Election when there is normally a much higher turnout gives the people a greater voice. This is a tradition Oregonians are proud of. SB229A would change that to a likely low turnout special election. Since the citizen's initiative and referendum process is fairly well understood what is the purpose to change it?

I ask you to reject SB 229A.

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