

Chair Williamson,

I am writing in opposition to SB 229, which is scheduled for a work session on June 30, 2017.

I find it highly objectionable to attempt to move the ballot title process from the Secretary of State to a partisan legislative group. Additionally, I object to the idea of holding a special election, as these elections historically have low turnouts, for the most part. Items that are being referred to the people should be voted on in a general election, when voter turnout is highest.

I am also extremely troubled that the House would attempt to make such a radical change to the bill after your committee held a public hearing on it on 6/13. Such a radical amendment should not be voted on, since the public has not had an opportunity to testify. It is not the same bill that voters were presented with at the public hearing.

Please vote no tomorrow on SB 229 with either the -7 or -10 amendment.

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