

Honorable Chair Williamson and Members of the House Rules Committee,

I strongly object to your consideration of adding Amendment -7 to SB 229 one urge you to VOTE NO for the following reasons:

This bill is a disservice to the voters of Oregon on many counts:

- \* It circumvents the Oregon Constitution's process allowing and enabling citizens to hold a referendum on legislation with which they disagree
- \* It manipulates the election process in a way which gives legislators more power and takes away the rights of citizens
- \* It wastefully increases the cost to the state of holding a special election at a time other than the general election
- \* It purposefully is timed to minimize voter turnout in order for legislators to do what they wish, even though they know their decisions are unpopular with voters.
- \* it is designed to cloud and limit transparency in government, especially when decisions made by elected officials harm the ones they are supposed to be representing.

This bill is a travesty. Governmental overreach has consequences, as do the decisions you make in Salem have consequences for the voters. Please consider your responsibilities to the public that you are supposed to serve and vote NO on this bill.

Sincerely,

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