

Submitter: Heather Hall
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4026

Dear Representatives,

I oppose HB 4026 and HB4026-1, which bans the use of citizen referenda to challenge Urban Growth Boundary expansions and makes this provision retroactive to January 1, 2023, per the HB4026-1 language under Section 1, (5).

Oregon citizens should be able to maintain the ability to participate at the local level by filling out citizen referenda when they disagree with the decisions of the jurisdiction. It's the right and responsibility of citizens; they shouldn't be excluded from the decision-making process.

Also, why is it that the amendment (HB 4026-1) has nothing to do with the title of HB 4026 and its catchline/summary as follows: "Digest: Tells the Secretary of State to study voting. (Flesch Readability Score: 61.2). Requires the Secretary of State to study how to improve voter access in this state. Directs the secretary to submit the findings to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to elections not later than September 15, 2025." Source:
<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2024R1/Measures/Overview/HB4026>

Unless an individual is intentional about finding and reading the HB 4026-1 amendment, the individual is deceived about HB 4026. It's unethical to mislead citizens.