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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1599

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my opposition to moving up Oregon Referendum Petition 2026-302 for earlier consideration. This Referendum explicitly stated it would be on the November ballot, which roughly 250K Oregonians signed with that understanding and desire. Important statewide measures deserve adequate time for public awareness, review, and thoughtful discussion. Accelerating the timeline risks limiting transparency and reducing the opportunity for voters and stakeholders to fully understand the potential impacts.

Maintaining the established process helps ensure fairness, consistency, and public trust. Regardless of individual views on the petition itself, decisions of this scale should follow the standard timeline so that Oregonians can make informed choices.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge you to keep Referendum Petition 2026-302 on its normal schedule.

Sincerely,  
Denis Sieben  
Bend, Oregon