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

I am opposed to SB 1599. First, the May 19, 2026 election is a primary and only voters who are registered to a party (Democrats, Republicans, or Independents) are able to vote. If a person is not registered to a party they are unable to vote on a referendum that will have a financial impact on their life; this does not seem to be fair to those voters who have not aligned themselves to a particular party.

Secondly, the petition that was signed for the referendum clearly stated that it would be placed on the November ballot. Changing the law after the voters followed the procedure to get the referendum on the November ballot is sneaky and disrespectful to the citizens and constitution of the State of Oregon. Some of our Oregon legislators are changing the rules of the game because the rules no longer fit what they want.