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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition  
2026-302  
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Topic: SB1599

I oppose this measure. The voters expect the ballot measure to be on the November ballot and for the governor and legislature to unexpectedly move it up to May against the rules is unfair to the over 250,000 people who signed the petition for it to be on the November ballot. We already know that the governor delayed signing it to try to rig the system to shorten the days for gathering signatures but the people so overwhelmingly supported the ballot measure, more than twice as many signatures as needed were gathered in that short time period. Now the governor and some legislatures are once again trying to work against their own constituents to rig the system again to thwart this popular ballot measure from being passed.