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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Special Committee On Referendum Petition
2026-302
Measure, Appointment or
Topic: SB1599
No on SB 1599

This bill is a direct infringement on the right of the people to vote and make their voices heard.

Oregon has the oldest referendum process in the United States. It is robust and clear. The process has a legal form with a date established "prior" to any legal voter signatures are gathered.

As a County Lead for Linn we were answering questions of voters. As signature gatherers we were answering questions.

One of those questions was: When does we get to vote on this? The answer was easy because it is on the Referendum. November General Election!

The state doesn't get to choose to change that time frame. It's a contract. It's legal documentation from the time the Chief petitioner filed to the time we got the title, to the master template and to the printing of the pages for voters to sign.

Those voters. All 250,000+ of them signed saying they're voice would be heard on the General election, with historically higher voter turnouts. The voting population in its entirety would speak!

And that is what we Oregonians expect!

The expectation is that our legislators, our executives will follow the process the referendum has had structured from its inception and NOT play politics with the voices of the people!

Do not try to change the rules after decades of this established process for political games to try and separate majority party bad policy from those that pushed the policy just because you don't want your names next to it on the ballot!

We the People are watching! We the People have expectations!

Vote NO on SB 1599 !!

